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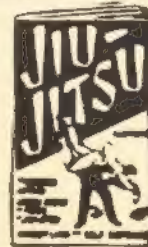
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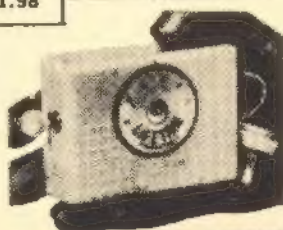
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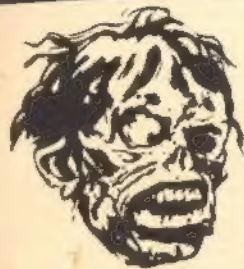
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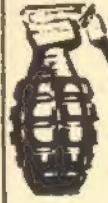
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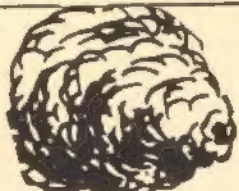
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YOU HAVE ALL SEEN **SUPERBABY** IN ACTION AND LAUGHED AT HIS SUPER-CUTENESS WHILE YOU MARVELED AT HIS SUPER-POWERS! WELL, ONE DAY, A DIFFERENT KIND OF "**SUPER-BABY**" APPEARS IN METROPOLIS! NOT A SUPER-MITE YOUNG IN YEARS, BUT ONLY YOUNG IN APPEARANCE! HIS MIND AND EMOTIONS STILL THAT OF AN ADULT, THE MAN OF STEEL BECOMES PINT-SIZED IN ORDER TO BATTLE A STRANGE PERIL! WE DEFY YOU TO GUESS THE REASON WHY THE MIGHTY **SUPERMAN** TRANSFORMS HIMSELF INTO...

The **BABE of STEEL!**

"GASP! **SUPERMAN** HAS SAVED OUR BATTLESHIP! BUT LOOK HOW **SMALL** HE'S BECOME!

SUPERMAN! W-WHAT'S HAPPENED TO YOU? YOU'VE BEEN REDUCED TO **BABY-SIZE!**

YES! I DELIBERATELY CHANGED MY STATURE TO THAT OF A BABY BOY BECAUSE IT'S THE ONLY WAY I CAN HANDLE A TERRIBLE EMERGENCY THAT WILL SOON ARISE!

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ONE DAY, IN METROPOLIS, AS PLANET REPORTER CLARK KENT, WHO IS SECRETLY SUPERMAN, ATTENDS A SEANCE...

HMM... THIS MEDIUM, MADAME OLGA, MUST BE HUNGRY FOR PUBLICITY! SHE'S INVITED REPORTERS TO PROVE SHE HAS OCCULT POWERS AND CAN COMMUNICATE WITH THE SPIRITS OF DEAD PEOPLE!

...AND NOW, GENTLEMEN, I WILL GO INTO A TRANCE!



SHORTLY...

GOSH, SHE HASN'T BATTED AN EYELASH FOR FIVE MINUTES! SHE'S IN A TRANCE!

TOO BAD I CAN'T TELL THE OTHER NEWSMEN HOW I KNOW SHE'S A PHONY! WITH MY MICROSCOPIC VISION I CAN SEE HER EYELIDS FLUTTERING!



THEN...

WOW! THE TABLE IS RISING! THIS MEDIUM REALLY HAS MAGICAL POWERS!

SOME "MAGIC"! HER ASSISTANT IS WORKING A POWERFUL MAGNET UPSTAIRS AND IT'S DRAWING THE TABLE UPWARD BY ATTRACTING METAL CONCEALED IN THE TABLE TOP!



SUDDENLY...

ATTENTION! THE SPIRIT WORLD WISHES TO CONTACT US!

SHE MEANS FROM "BEYOND" THE WALL! IT'S ANOTHER ASSISTANT, USING PHOSPHORESCENT MAKE-UP ON HIS ARM TO HELP PUT OVER HIS HOAX!

GREETINGS, MY FRIENDS, FROM THE BEYOND!



LET HIM WHO SEEKS ADVICE FROM THE DEAD ASK HIS QUESTION NOW AND IT SHALL BE ANSWERED!

OKAY! MY UNCLE HORACE, BEFORE HE DIED, ALWAYS GAVE ME EXCELLENT ADVICE! UNCLE HORACE, I'LL BE MARRIED NEXT WEEK! PLEASE TELL ME NOW... WILL MY MARRIAGE BE A HAPPY ONE?



SOON, AS THE MYSTERIOUS ARM WRITES...

PSST... CLARK! THAT DAME IS A FAKE! I TRICKED HER! I HAVE NO UNCLE HORACE AND I'M NOT GETTING MARRIED!

DEAR NEPHEW... WORRY NOT! WEDDED BLISS AWAITS YOU! -- UNCLE HORACE

HA! HA! I'M GLAD MY NEWS-PAPERMAN PALS SEE THROUGH HER, TOO!



LATER, WHEN THE SEANCE ENDS...

YOUR SEANCE WAS MOST INTERESTING, MADAME OLGA! WE WERE VERY... UH... IMPRESSED!

ESPECIALLY WITH HER PHONINESS... WHICH SHE'LL READ ABOUT IN THE PAPERS!



UH-OH! I FORGOT MY HAT! MUST'VE LEFT IT IN THE PARLOR!

BUT AS CLARK RETRIEVES HIS HAT...

...GASP! A HAND COMING OUT OF NOWHERE... REACHING FOR THE CHALK ON THE BLACKBOARD!



THIS IS NO TRICK STUNT! MY SUPER-VISION REVEALS THAT IT'S A LIVING HAND, BUT NO OTHER PART OF ITS BODY IS VISIBLE!... GREAT KRYPTON! IT'S WRITING A MESSAGE TO SUPERMAN! THEN, WHOEVER THE WRITER IS, HE KNOWS CLARK KENT IS SUPERMAN!

ATTENTION, SUPERMAN!



SHORTLY, AS THE HAND STARTS TO DISAPPEAR...



ATTENTION, SUPERMAN, YOU ARE IN GREAT PERIL! THE EMERGENCIES OF THE...

THIS IS TERRIBLY IMPORTANT NEWS! ACCORDING TO THE WAY THE REST OF THE MESSAGE READS, THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO HANDLE THE EMERGENCY! I'VE GOT TO TURN MYSELF INTO A BABY!

BUT NO OTHER EYES MUST SEE THIS MESSAGE! I'LL ERASE IT BEFORE MADAME OLGA RETURNS... THEN HEAD STRAIGHT FOR THE PLANET! HMM... THE HAND IS GONE NOW! LITTLE DOES THAT PHONY MEDIUM DREAM THAT FOR ONCE SOMETHING REALLY WEIRD OCCURRED IN HER PARLOR!



PRESENTLY, IN EDITOR PERRY WHITE'S OFFICE...

OF COURSE, CLARK! YOU HAVE A TWO-WEEK VACATION COMING TO YOU... AND IF YOU WANT TO TAKE IT NOW, YOU HAVE MY PERMISSION! WHAT WILL YOU DO? GO FISHING?

NO, PERRY! GO HUNTING!

AND THAT'S NO LIE!



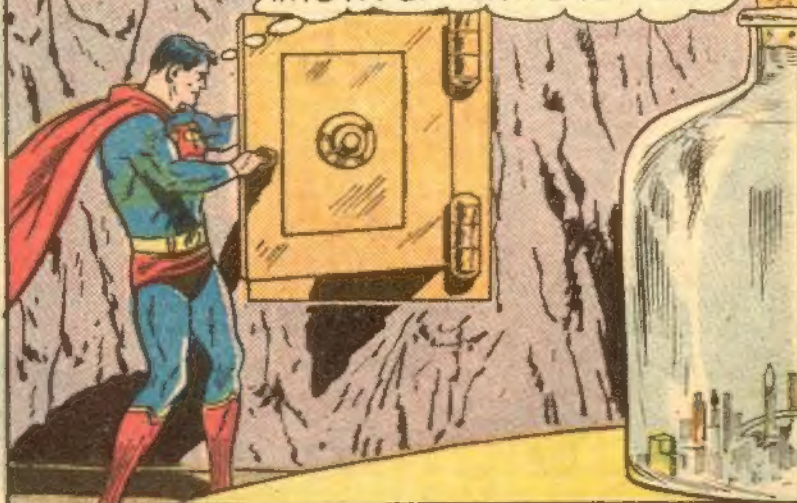
SHORTLY, IN A PLANET STOCK ROOM, AS CLARK SWITCHES TO THE MAN OF STEEL...

NOW TO BECOME A BABY SO THAT I'LL BE READY FOR THE EMERGENCY I'VE BEEN WARNED ABOUT! I MUST FLY TO MY FORTRESS OF SOLITUDE AT ONCE!

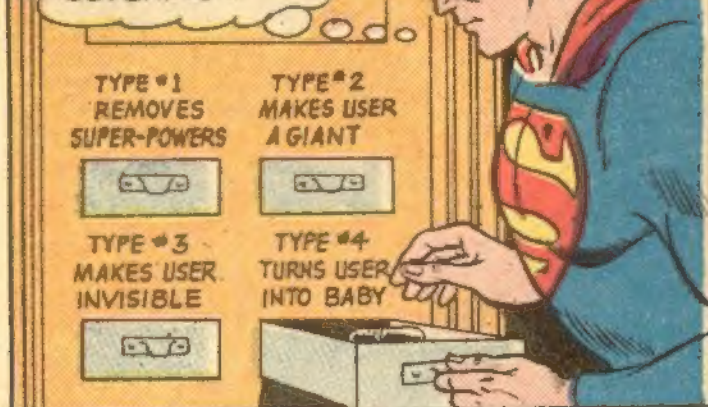


PRESENTLY, INSIDE THE FORTRESS...

LOCKED INSIDE THIS SAFE ARE VARIOUS KINDS OF RED KRYPTONITE! ONE TYPE ONCE TURNED SUPERGIRL INTO A BABY GIRL AND KRYPTO INTO A PUP FOR A BRIEF TIME!



IF I EXPOSE MYSELF TO THE RAYS OF THE RED K IN BOX #4, THEY'LL AFFECT ME THE SAME WAY! I'LL BECOME INSTANTLY YOUNGER, TOO! I NEED ONLY BREAK OPEN THE PROTECTIVE LEAD COVERING...



AH! THE RED KRYPTONITE RADIATIONS ARE HITTING ME! I CAN FEEL MY BODY TINGLING ALL OVER...WHICH MEANS THAT IN A FEW SECONDS I'LL BECOME THE MOST UNIQUE BABY ALIVE!



I'M BEING REDUCED TO BABY-SIZE! BUT IN EVERY OTHER RESPECT... SPEECH, FEELINGS, POWERS... I'LL REMAIN SUPERMAN!



MY BABY-LIKE APPEARANCE SHOULD LAST JUST LONG ENOUGH FOR ME TO CARRY OUT MY SCHEME!



FOR ONLY AS A BABY CAN I HANDLE THE PERIL THAT'S COMING UP!



THEN, AS SUPERMAN'S COSTUME ALSO SHRINKS...

AS IT HAPPENED WITH SUPERGIRL AND KRYPTO, THE AURA OF RED KRYPTONITE HAS AFFECTED MY COSTUME, TOO, AND REDUCED IT IN PROPORTION TO MY BODY!



SPEAKING OF SMALL THINGS, IT'S TIME I CHECKED THE AIR SUPPLY THAT GOES INTO KANDOR, THE KRYPTONIAN CITY WHICH BRAINIAC, THE SUPER-VILLAIN, REDUCED TO MINIATURE SIZE WITH HIS SHRINKING RAY BEFORE KRYPTON EXPLODED!

SECONDS LATER, AS SUPERMAN STREAKS BACK TO METROPOLIS...

IT'LL CREATE A SENSATION WHEN PEOPLE SEE A PINT-SIZED SUPERMAN HANDLING KING-SIZE EMERGENCIES! BUT SMALL I MUST REMAIN UNTIL MY BIG EMERGENCY IS OVER!



PRESENTLY, AT THE OUTSKIRTS OF THE CITY...

HMM... THERE'S A PHONY RACKET! WITH MY TELESCOPIC VISION I CAN SPOT A HALF DOZEN SWINDLERS LOOP A PRIZE I'VE SEEN BEFORE IN ROGUE'S GALLERY PICTURES!

TOO BAD, BOYS! YOU'VE LOST AGAIN!



APPARENTLY THE CROOKS ARE RUNNING A PHONY CARNIVAL FOR "CHARITY"! IF I KNOW THEM, THEY'VE RIGGED EVERY GAME SO NOBODY CAN WIN A THING!

GOSH, I HIT THE BOTTLES... BUT THEY DON'T FALL DOWN!

AND I CAN'T EVEN SCORE ONE BULL'S-EYE!

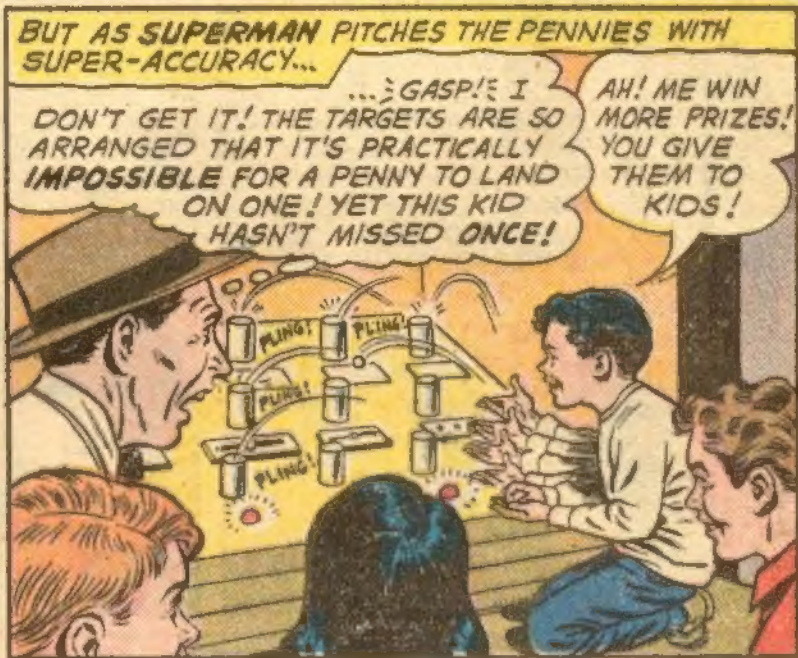
DON'T GIVE UP, LADS! TRY ANOTHER TEN SHOTS FOR A QUARTER!

PRIZES GALORE

HIT THE MILK BOTTLES

WIN A PRIZE

!PRIZES! TARGET SHOOT



THEN, AS THE "BRAT" TURNS
HIS ATTENTION TO THE
SHOOTING GALLERY...

THIS KID IS RUINING US! HE'LL WALK OFF WITH EVERY PRIZE IN THE SHOOTING GALLERY!

UH-OH! THE CROOKS ARE ABOUT TO CHASE ME AWAY! WELL, THAT'S OKAY NOW THAT THE KIDS GOT THEIR MONEY BACK IN THE FORM OF PRIZES! I'LL LEAVE AND PHONE THE POLICE TO ROUND UP THE SCOUNDRELS!

PING! PING! BONG!

LATER, AS SUPERMAN HEARS THE SOUND OF SHOTS AND STREAKS TO THE SCENE...

GREAT KRYPTON! TWO BANK ROBBERS WEARING GAS MASKS! THEY MUST'VE TOSSED GAS GRENADES INTO THE BANK TO KNOCK OUT THE GUARDS BEFORE PULLING THE STICKUP!

YOU DUMMY! YOU
DROPPED A SACK
OF MONEY!

BANG!
BANG!

BUT INSTANTS AFTER...

LOOK!
THAT BR.
PICKED
IT UP!

GIVE IT BACK,
SONNY, OR I'LL
CROWN YOU
WITH THIS
BLACKJACK!

HA! IS HE IN FOR A
SURPRISE! SINCE I'M
NOT WEARING MY
SUPERMAN
COSTUME, I'LL KEEP
UP THE
ME NOT / BABY
FRAID / TALK!

ME NOT
AFRAID
OF BAD
MANS!

UP THE
BABY
TALK!

OKAY, RUNT:
YOU ASKED
FOR IT!

!GASP! THE
BLACKJACK
BUSTED IN
PIECES! I-IT
MUST'VE BEEN
DEFECTIVE!

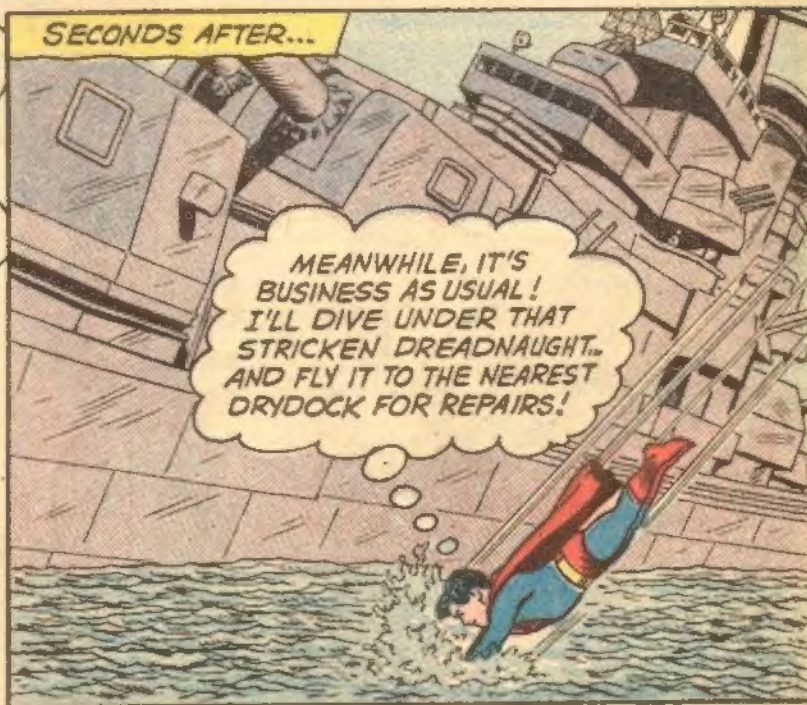
AND A LUCKY
THING IT WAS!
YOU MONSTER!
HOW DARE YOU
HIT THAT CHILD?

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CRACKKK!

THAT'S ALL RIGHT, MA'AM! I'M IN NO DANGER! ONCE I BUMP THEIR THICK SKULLS TOGETHER, THEY'LL GIVE ME NO TROUBLE!

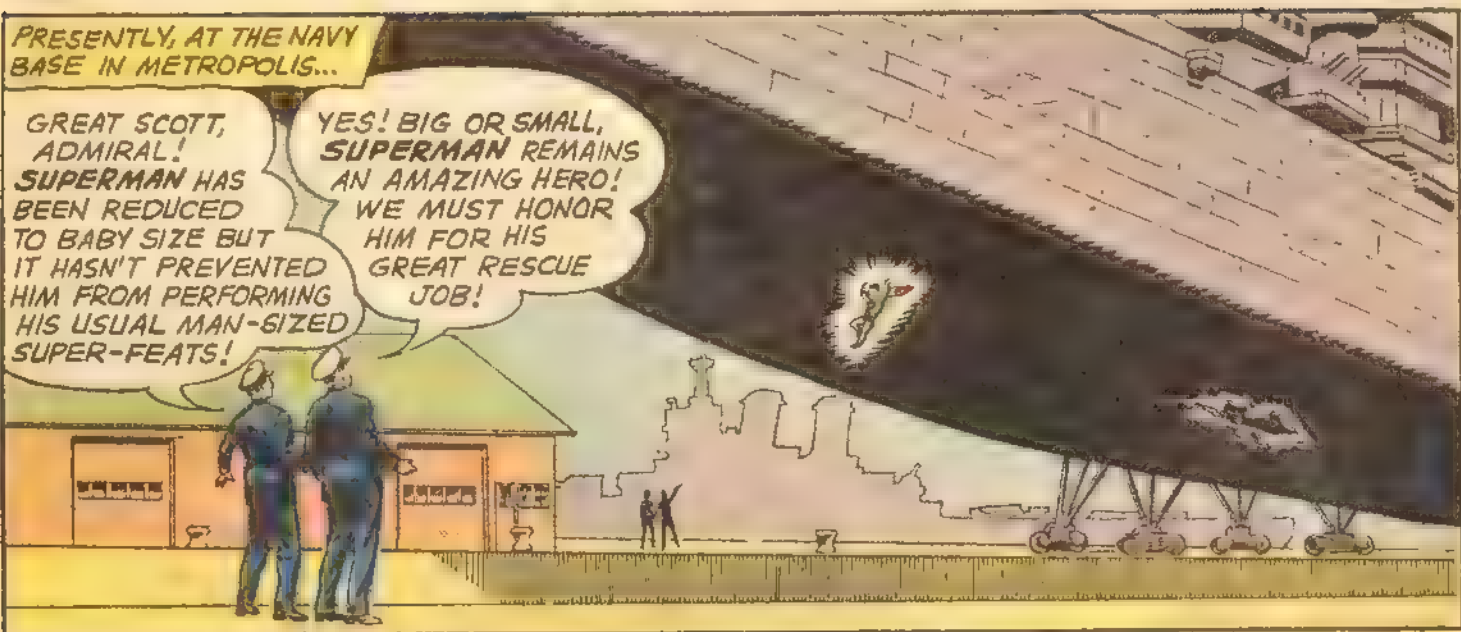
LAND SAKES! I NEVER SAW AN INFANT DO THAT BEFORE! HE'S LIKE A TINY SUPERMAN!



PRESENTLY, AT THE NAVY
BASE IN METROPOLIS...

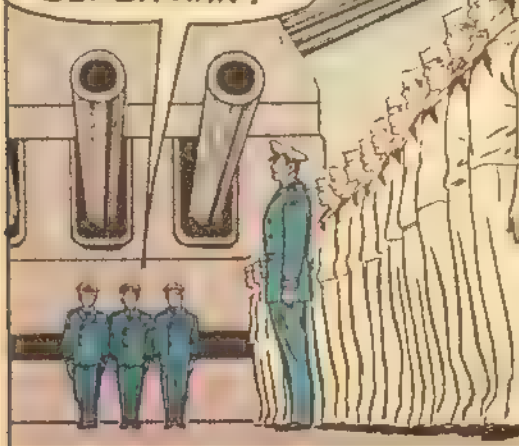
GREAT SCOTT,
ADMIRAL!
SUPERMAN HAS
BEEN REDUCED
TO BABY SIZE BUT
IT HASN'T PREVENTED
HIM FROM PERFORMING
HIS USUAL MAN-SIZED
SUPER-FEATS!

YES! BIG OR SMALL,
SUPERMAN REMAINS
AN AMAZING HERO!
WE MUST HONOR
HIM FOR HIS
GREAT RESCUE
JOB!



ACCORDINGLY, AN HOUR LATER,
ABOARD THE ADMIRAL'S FLAGSHIP...

OFFICERS AND CREW...
ATTENTION! THE NAVY IS
ABOUT TO GIVE A 21-GUN
SALUTE TO THE GREATEST
HERO OF ALL TIME...
SUPERMAN!

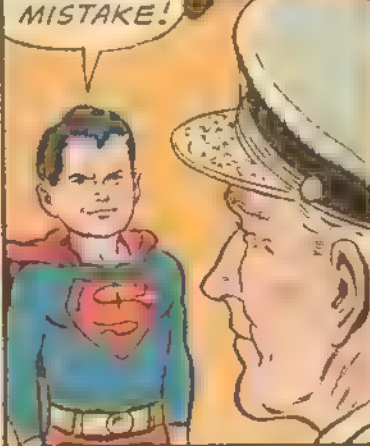


SUPERMAN?! THAT LITTLE KID?
IS THE ADMIRAL
CRAZY? HOW CAN
THAT BABY BE
SUPERMAN?



ER...
ADMIRAL!
I JUST
OVERHEARD
YOUR MEN!
APPARENTLY
THEY THINK
YOU'VE
MADE A
MISTAKE!

BOOM!
BOOM!
BOOM!

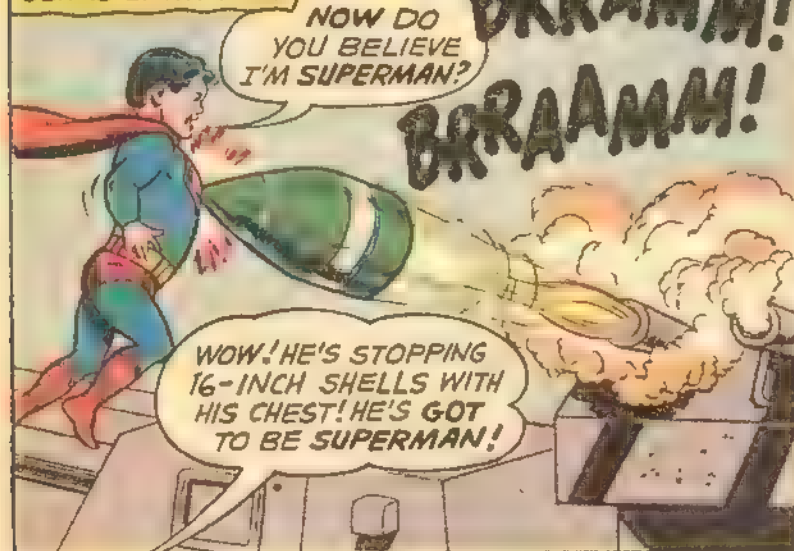


AS THE BABE OF STEEL
SOARS UPWARD...

BRRAMM!
BRRAMM!

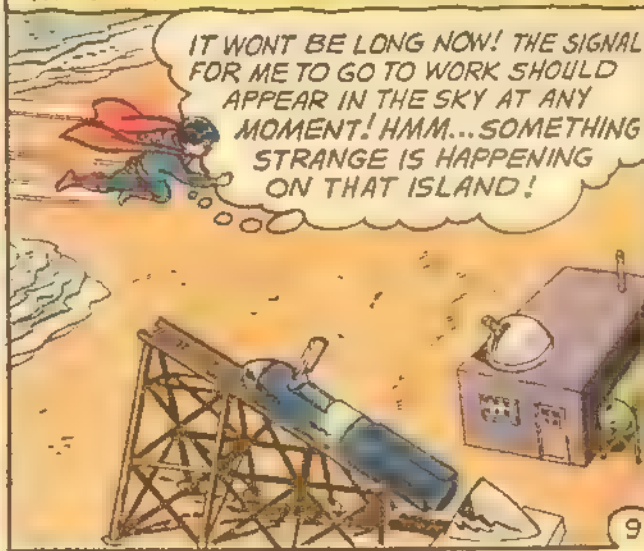
NOW DO
YOU BELIEVE
I'M SUPERMAN?

WOW! HE'S STOPPING
16-INCH SHELLS WITH
HIS CHEST! HE'S GOT
TO BE SUPERMAN!



LATER, AS SUPERMAN CONTINUES HIS
PATROL ALONG THE NORTHERN COAST...

IT WON'T BE LONG NOW! THE SIGNAL
FOR ME TO GO TO WORK SHOULD
APPEAR IN THE SKY AT ANY
MOMENT! HMM... SOMETHING
STRANGE IS HAPPENING
ON THAT ISLAND!



AS SUPERMAN INVESTIGATES...

YES, MY SON! MY LABORATORY EXPERIMENTS LEAD ME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT THE EARTH WILL SOON EXPLODE AS DID THE PLANET KRYPTON YEARS AGO!

WHAT IS THIS MAN TALKING ABOUT?!

BUT BEFORE THE EARTH BLOWS UP, I WILL DO AS SUPERMAN'S FATHER, JOR-EL, DID ON KRYPTON WITH HIS INFANT SON... FIRE MY SON INTO SPACE IN A ROCKET!

THIS FELLOW IS CRACKED! TOO MANY YEARS OF LONELY SCIENTIFIC WORK ON THIS ISLAND MUST HAVE AFFECTED HIS MIND!

SON, AFTER I FIRE THE ROCKET, COUNT TO 20... THEN PULL THIS PIN! IT WILL TOUCH OFF OTHER ROCKETS THAT WILL PROPEL YOU INTO SPACE! NOW FAREWELL!

GOOD GRIEF! WITH MY SUPER VISION I CAN SEE THAT THE ROCKET WILL FALL APART SECONDS AFTER IT'S FIRED!

AS SUPERMAN MOVES WITH BLINDING SPEED...

I'M FLYING SO FAST THE SCIENTIST COULDN'T SEE ME EVEN IF HE WERE LOOKING TOWARD ME! I'M GOING TO RETURN AND TAKE HIS SON'S PLACE IN THAT CAPSULE!

CLICKK!

THERE, SON! THE ROCKET WILL NOW BLAST OFF! YOU'RE ON YOUR WAY!

BUT AS THE ROCKET RISES A FEW HUNDRED FEET...

BWWWAMMM!

GASP! THE ROCKET HAS EXPLODED! MY SON WILL BE BLOWN TO BITS! OH MY HEAVENS, WHAT A FOOL I'VE BEEN! I'VE KILLED MY OWN SON!

HOWEVER, NEXT MOMENT...

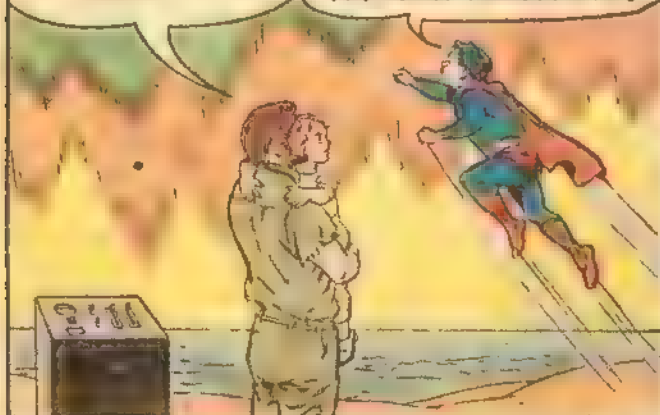
NO, MY FRIEND! UNSEEN BY YOU, I, SUPERMAN, TOOK YOUR SON'S PLACE TO ILLUSTRATE THE TRAGEDY WHICH MIGHT HAVE OCCURRED! THE WORLD IS NOT BLOWING UP! YOU HAVE BLOWN UP MENTALLY... FROM OVERWORK AND TENSION!

T-THEN MY SON IS ALIVE! BUT SUPERMAN, HOW IS IT YOU'RE SO SMALL IN SIZE?

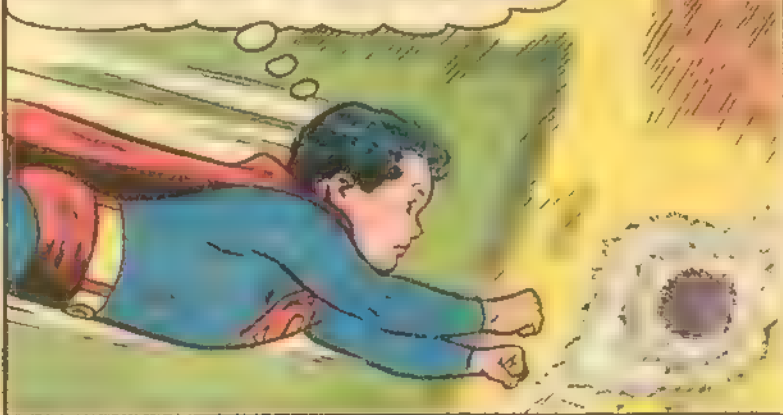
AS SUPERMAN EXPLAINS...

THANKS, SUPERMAN!
I WILL SEE TO IT THAT
MY MIND WILL NOT
SNAP AGAIN! I'LL
LEAVE THIS ISLAND
AND...

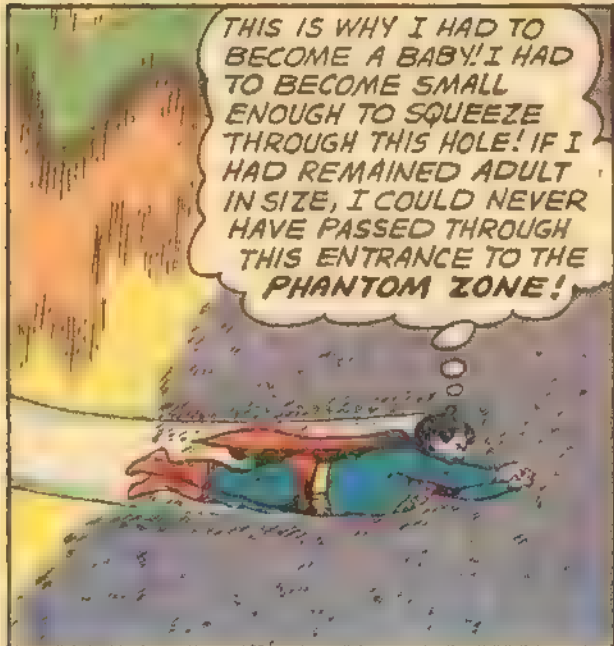
WAIT,
PROFESSOR!
IT SEEMS I MUST
LEAVE YOU! THE
PHENOMENON I'VE
WAITED FOR ALL DAY
HAS APPEARED... THE
AURORA BOREALIS!



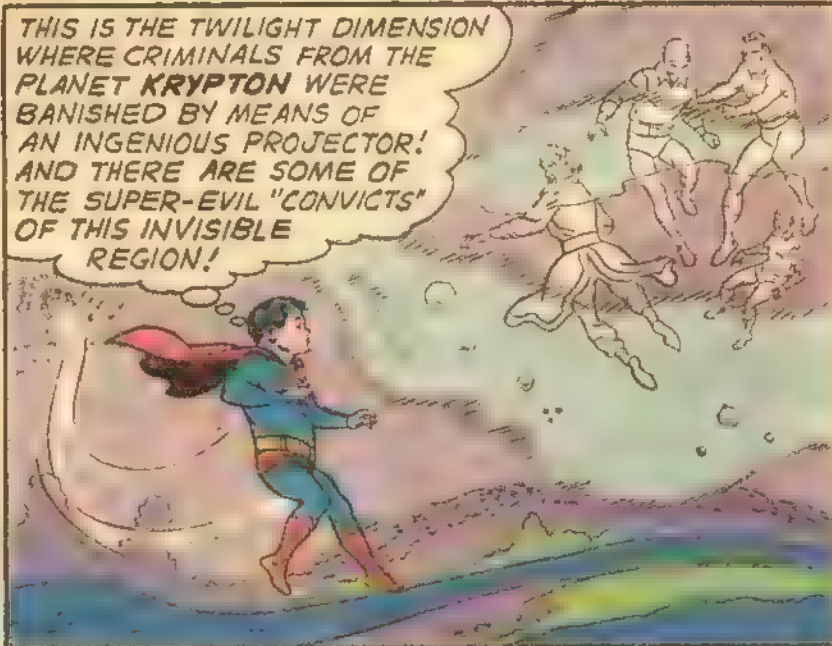
THIS AWESOME DISPLAY OF COLORED
LIGHTS IS CAUSED BY ELECTRIFIED
PARTICLES SHOT OUT FROM THE SUN
WHICH HIT RAREFIED AIR, PRODUCING
GORGEOUS COLORS! AND A FEW
FEET AWAY FROM IT I SEE A HOLE,
AS BIG AS THE WIDTH OF MY BODY,
APPEARING OUT OF NOTHINGNESS!



THIS IS WHY I HAD TO
BECOME A BABY! I HAD
TO BECOME SMALL
ENOUGH TO SQUEEZE
THROUGH THIS HOLE! IF I
HAD REMAINED ADULT
IN SIZE, I COULD NEVER
HAVE PASSED THROUGH
THIS ENTRANCE TO THE
PHANTOM ZONE!

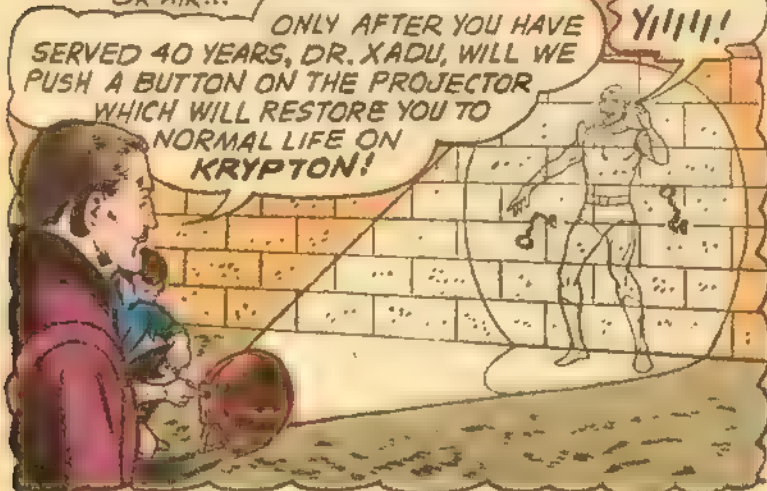


THIS IS THE TWILIGHT DIMENSION
WHERE CRIMINALS FROM THE
PLANET **KRYPTON** WERE
BANISHED BY MEANS OF
AN INGENUOUS PROJECTOR!
AND THERE ARE SOME OF
THE SUPER-EVIL "CONVICTS"
OF THIS INVISIBLE
REGION!



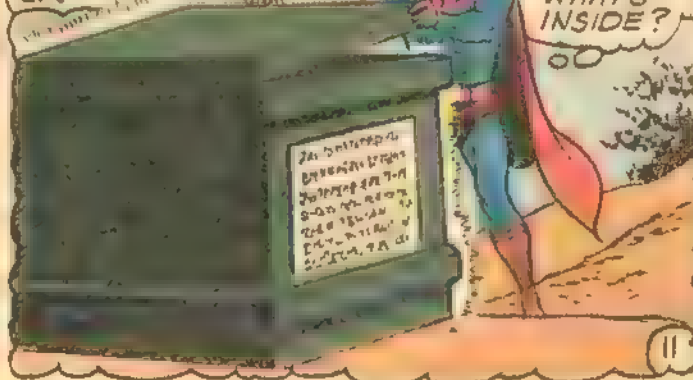
"SINCE **KRYPTONIANS** DIDN'T BELIEVE IN
EXECUTING PRISONERS, THEY WERE
SENTENCED TO LONG TERMS IN THE **PHANTOM**
ZONE... WHERE THEY EXISTED AS DISEM-
BODIED FIGURES WHO DIDN'T NEED FOOD
OR AIR..."

ONLY AFTER YOU HAVE
SERVED 40 YEARS, DR. XADU, WILL WE
PUSH A BUTTON ON THE PROJECTOR
WHICH WILL RESTORE YOU TO
NORMAL LIFE ON
KRYPTON!



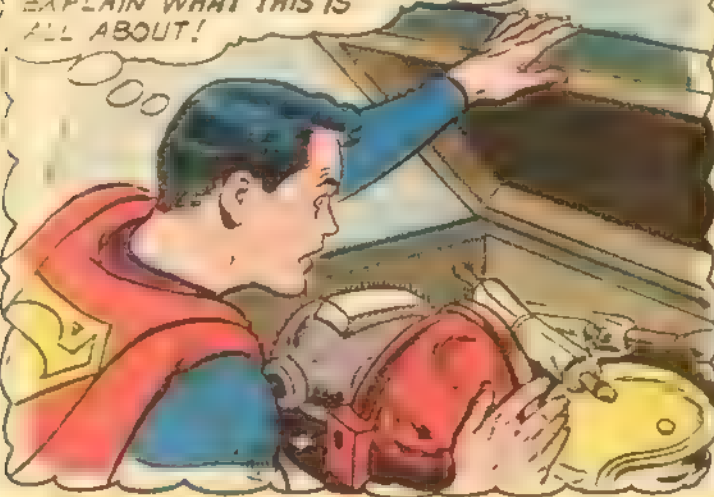
"WHEN **KRYPTON** EXPLODED, THE
PHANTOM ZONE CRIMINALS
WERE TRAPPED, UNABLE TO
LEAVE THEIR INVISIBLE
DIMENSION! THEN, ONE DAY,
WHEN I WAS **SUPERBOY**, I
FOUND A BOX WHICH HAD
BEEN SHOT INTO SPACE
BEFORE **KRYPTON** BLEW
UP!"

THIS BOX
PROBABLY
REMAINED IN
ORBIT UNTIL
SOME COSMIC
DISTURBANCE
FORCED IT TO
LAND ON EARTH!
I WONDER
WHAT'S
INSIDE?



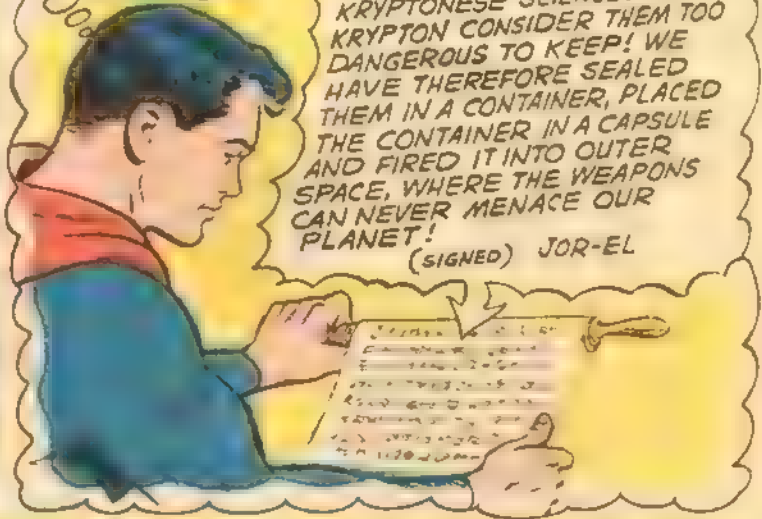
"WHEN I OPENED IT..."

GOOD GRIEF! THERE ARE A NUMBER OF STRANGE OBJECTS INSIDE... AND A SCROLL! MAYBE THE SCROLL CAN EXPLAIN WHAT THIS IS ALL ABOUT!



IT'S IN KRYPTONESE LANGUAGE! I'LL TRANSLATE IT INTO ENGLISH!

WARNING! THE CONTENTS OF THIS BOX ARE WEAPONS DEVELOPED BY ADVANCED KRYPTONESE SCIENCE! WE OF KRYPTON CONSIDER THEM TOO DANGEROUS TO KEEP! WE HAVE THEREFORE SEALED THEM IN A CONTAINER, PLACED THE CONTAINER IN A CAPSULE AND FIRED IT INTO OUTER SPACE, WHERE THE WEAPONS CAN NEVER MENACE OUR PLANET!
(SIGNED) JOR-EL



"AFTER I HAD EXAMINED ALL THESE FORBIDDEN WEAPONS, I SEALED THE BOX AND DUMPED IT IN THE OCEAN..."

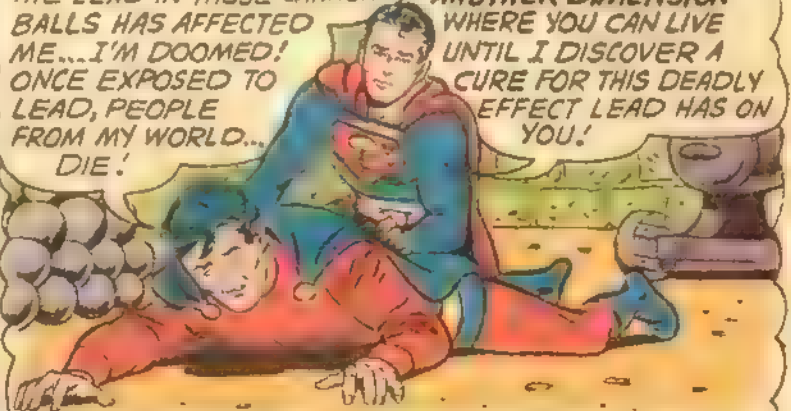
I CAN'T RISK ANYONE EVER OBTAINING THESE DANGEROUS WEAPONS! HERE, DEEP IN THE OCEAN, IT CAN NEVER BE RECOVERED BY ANYONE BUT ME!



"YEARS LATER, MON-EL, A BOY FROM ANOTHER WORLD, CAME TO EARTH! WE BECAME FAST FRIENDS UNTIL I LEARNED THAT LEAD AFFECTED HIM WORSE THAN KRYPTONITE HURT ME..."

I... FEEL... WEAK, SUPERBOY. THE LEAD IN THOSE CANNON-BALLS HAS AFFECTED ME... I'M DOOMED! ONCE EXPOSED TO LEAD, PEOPLE FROM MY WORLD... DIE!

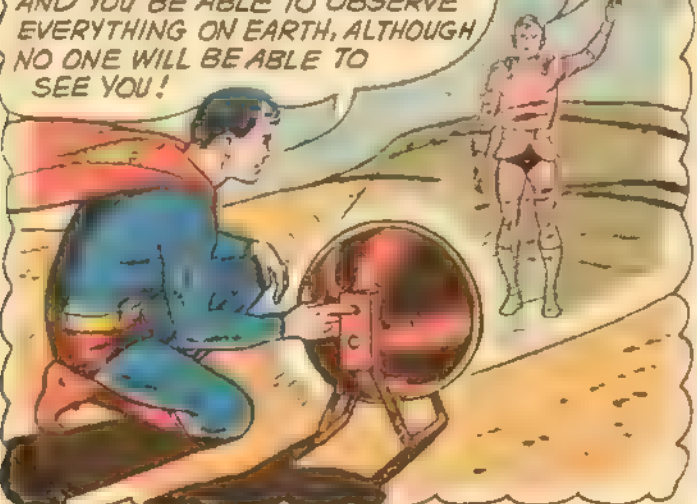
THERE'S HOPE, MON-EL! I CAN PROJECT YOU TO ANOTHER DIMENSION WHERE YOU CAN LIVE UNTIL I DISCOVER A CURE FOR THIS DEADLY EFFECT LEAD HAS ON YOU!



"I RETRIEVED THE PHANTOM ZONE PROJECTOR FROM THE SEA, THEN..."

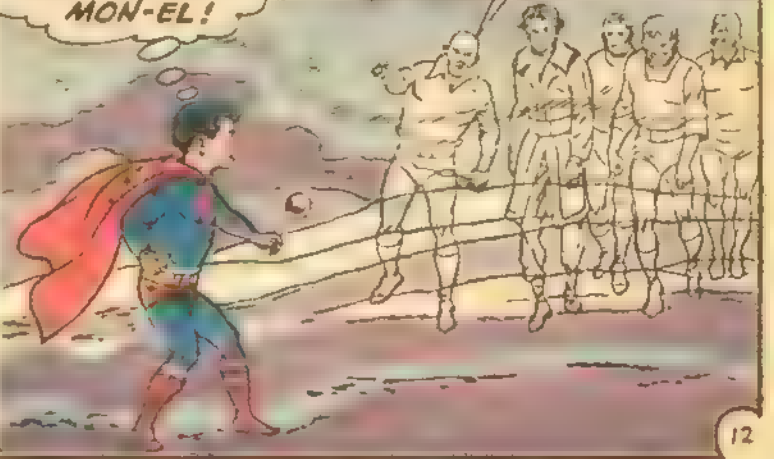
I MUST WARN YOU, MON-EL! THERE ARE DANGEROUS VILLAINS AT LARGE IN THE PHANTOM ZONE! IF I SEND YOU THERE, LIFE MAY BE HARD... BUT AT LEAST YOU'LL BE ALIVE, AND YOU BE ABLE TO OBSERVE EVERYTHING ON EARTH, ALTHOUGH NO ONE WILL BE ABLE TO SEE YOU!

THANK YOU, SUPERBOY... AND FAREWELL!



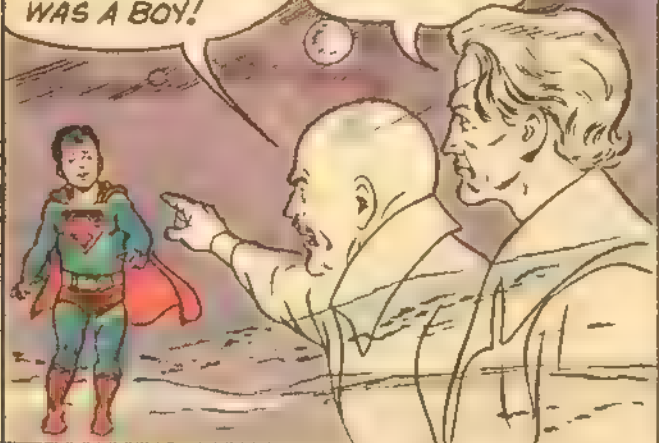
HOW WELL I REMEMBER THAT SAD DAY AND HOW OFTEN I'VE TRIED... WITHOUT SUCCESS... TO DISCOVER THE ANTIDOTE FOR THE DEADLY EFFECT LEAD HAS ON MON-EL!

LOOK, THERE'S SUPERMAN, OUR ARCH-ENEMY, REDUCED TO BABY SIZE! HOW I HATE HIM!



IF WE EVER GET OUT OF HERE, HE'D WRECK OUR PLANS JUST AS HE OUTSMARTED ME THE ONE TIME I ESCAPED FROM THE PHANTOM ZONE WHEN SUPERMAN WAS A BOY!

AH, JAX-UR, BUT HE COULDN'T OUTWIT US ALL IF WE BROKE OUT! SINCE WE ALL COME FROM KRYPTON, WE, TOO, WOULD HAVE SUPER-POWERS ON EARTH!



FOR EXAMPLE, JAX-UR, YOU WERE BANISHED TO THE PHANTOM ZONE FOR DESTROYING A MOON NEAR KRYPTON WITH A NUCLEAR ROCKET! THINK OF WHAT YOU COULD DO TO THE EARTH WITH THE SAME FORBIDDEN WEAPON!

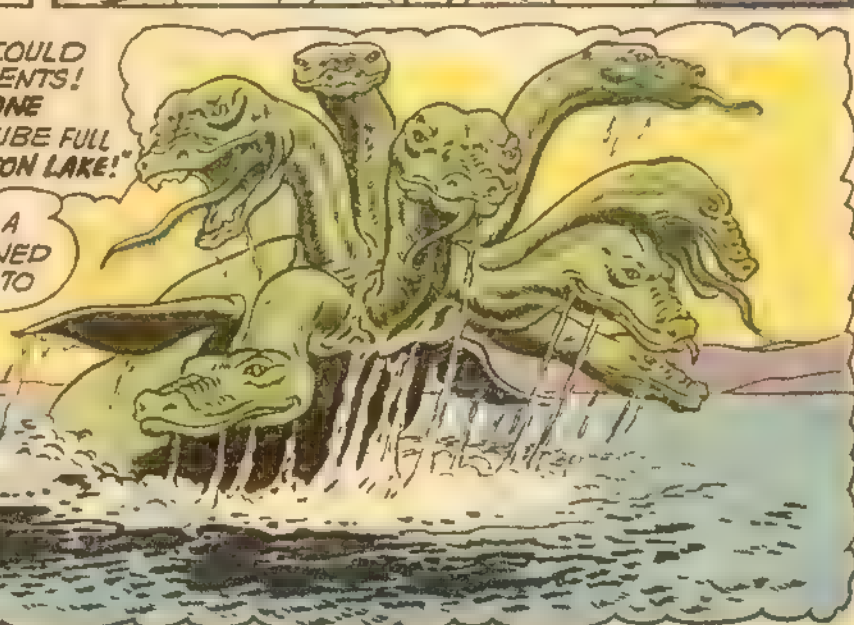


I AM THINKING OF IT, PROFESSOR VAKOX! I'D BLOW THE EARTH TO SMITHEREENS!

"YES! AND I, PROFESSOR VAKOX, COULD RESUME MY LIFE FORCE EXPERIMENTS! I WAS SENT TO THE PHANTOM ZONE BECAUSE I HAD TOSSED A TEST-TUBE FULL OF MY FORMULA INTO THE GREAT KRYPTON LAKE!"

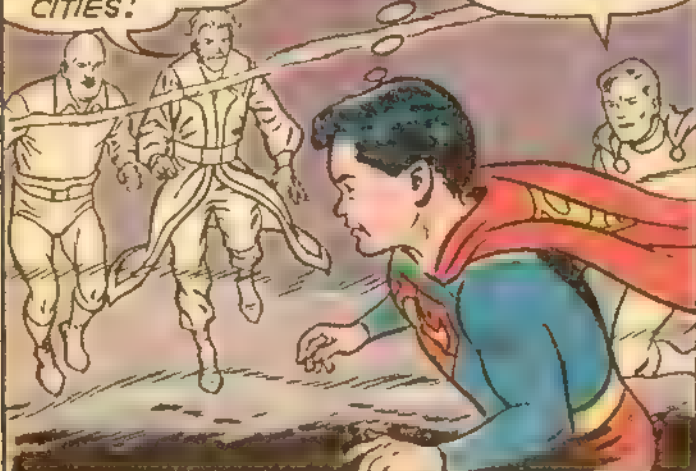


AH! MY LIFE FORCE FORMULA WORKS! IT INSTANTLY COMBINED WITH MINERALS IN THE LAKE TO FORM A MONSTER!



YES! IF I EVER GET OUT OF THE PHANTOM ZONE, I'D CREATE TERRIBLE MONSTERS WHO WOULD DESTROY WHOLE CITIES!

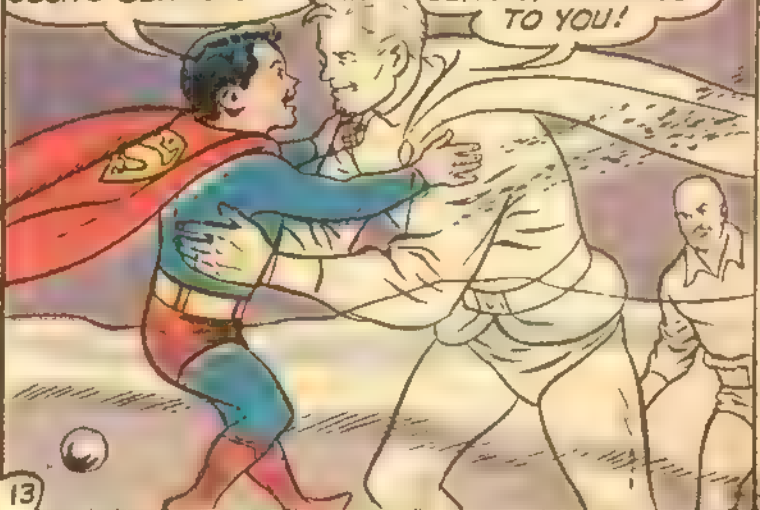
WHAT VICIOUS CRIMINALS! THEY MUST NEVER BE PERMITTED TO ESCAPE TO EARTH TO REPEAT THEIR INFAMOUS CRIMES!



SUPERMAN!

MON-EL! AFTER ALL THESE YEARS, WE MEET AGAIN! AS YOU SEE, I GOT YOUR MESSAGE AT MADAME OLGA'S SEANCE!

THANK GOODNESS! I HAD TRIED EVERYTHING TO ATTRACT YOUR ATTENTION! I WAITED FOR DAYS FOR AN OPPORTUNITY TO SEND A MESSAGE TO YOU!





"THEN FINALLY I SPOTTED YOU AT THE SEANCE AS CLARK KENT AND REALIZED HOW I MIGHT COMMUNICATE WITH YOU..."

I CAN SQUEEZE MY FIST THROUGH THE HOLE NOW! BUT LATER IT MIGHT BECOME AS WIDE AS A GATE!

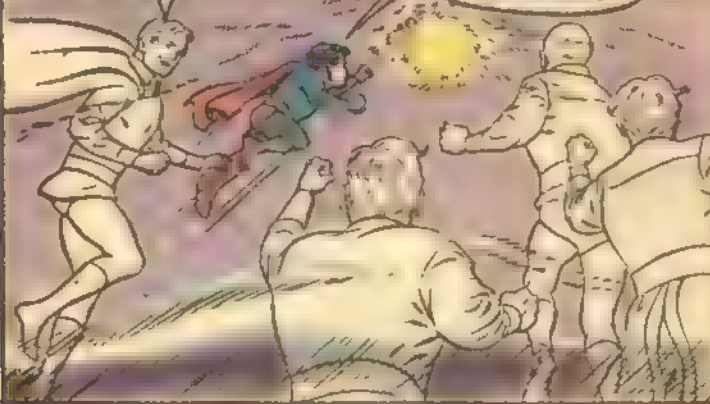
ATTENTION, SUPERMAN! YOU ARE IN GREAT PERIL! THE ELECTRICAL IONS OF THE AURORA BOREALIS HAVE OPENED A SMALL HOLE IN THE PHANTOM ZONE WHICH IS STEADILY WIDENING! CLOSE IT BEFORE THE CRIMINALS HERE ESCAPE INTO YOUR WORLD! (SIGNED) MON-EL



SOON IT WILL BECOME BIG ENOUGH FOR THE PHANTOM ZONE CRIMINALS TO SQUEEZE THROUGH! ISN'T THERE SOMETHING YOU CAN DO TO CLOSE IT?

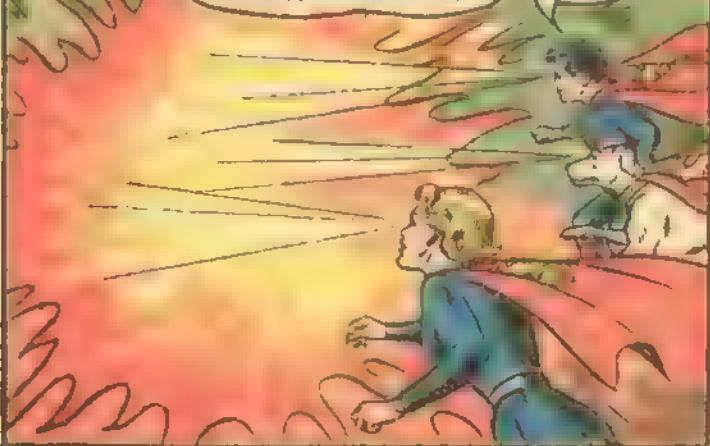


YES, MON-EL! BUT IT MEANS I MUST SAY GOODBYE TO YOU THIS VERY SECOND! OUR REUNION HAS BEEN BRIEF... BUT SOME DAY I'LL GET YOU OUT OF HERE FOREVER!

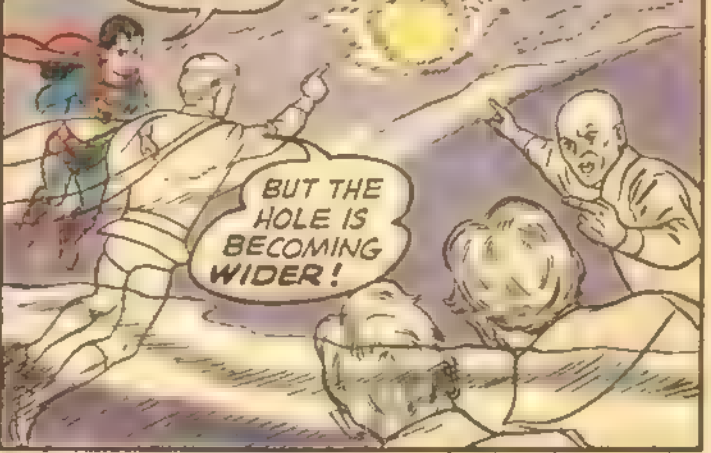


AS KRYPTO AND SUPERGIRL APPEAR...

THAT'S IT! WE'RE USING OUR COMBINED X-RAY VISION TO BURN UP THE AURORA BOREALIS! AS A RESULT, THE HOLE IN THE PHANTOM ZONE IS CLOSING! THE WORLD IS SAFE FROM THOSE SUPER-VILLAINS!



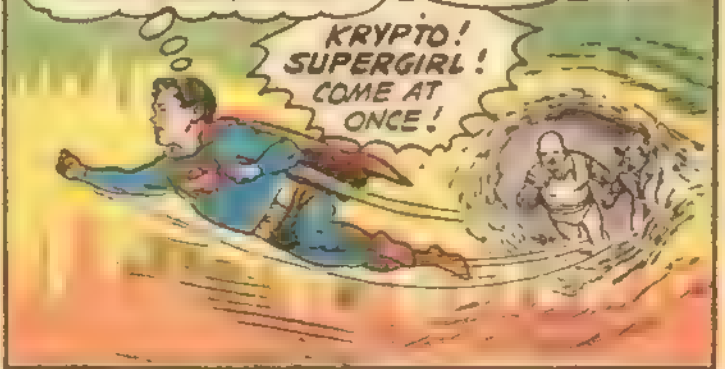
I KNOW, MON-EL! THAT'S WHY I REALIZED I HAD TO BECOME BABY-SIZED... TO FIT THROUGH THE HOLE! DURING AN UNDERSEA MISSION MONTHS AGO I DISCOVERED THAT THE PROJECTOR HAD BECOME CORRODED BY SEA WATER! SO I COULDN'T USE IT TO GET HERE!



BUT THE HOLE IS BECOMING WIDER!

NEXT INSTANT, AS SUPERMAN STREAKS THROUGH THE HOLE...

IF ENERGY FROM THE AURORA RIPPED OPEN THIS HOLE AND IS WIDENING IT AS IT GETS CLOSER TO THE PHANTOM ZONE, MAYBE THE HOLE CAN BE CLOSED IF THE AURORA IS DESTROYED! I'LL SUMMON KRYPTO AND SUPERGIRL WITH MY SUPER-VENTRILLOQUISM!



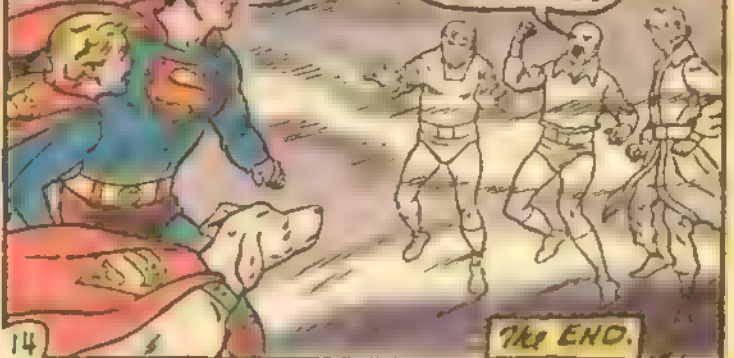
KRYPTO! SUPERGIRL! COME AT ONCE!

THEN, AS SUPERMAN FEELS A TINGLING SENSATION...

Y-YOU'VE BECOME NORMAL SIZE AGAIN! YOU GOT OUT JUST IN TIME, SUPERMAN!

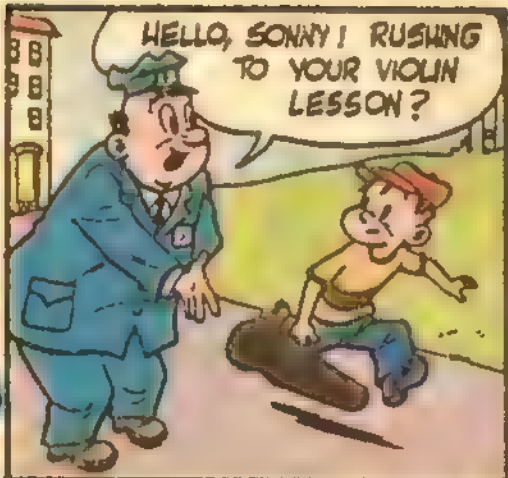
YES! BUT... GULP! WHAT WILL WE DO IF THE CRIMINALS DO MANAGE TO ESCAPE ONE DAY?

AH, YOU CANNOT HEAR OR SEE US, SUPERMAN! BUT WE'VE BEEN WORKING ON AN ESCAPE METHOD! WHEN WE SOLVE IT, BEWARE!



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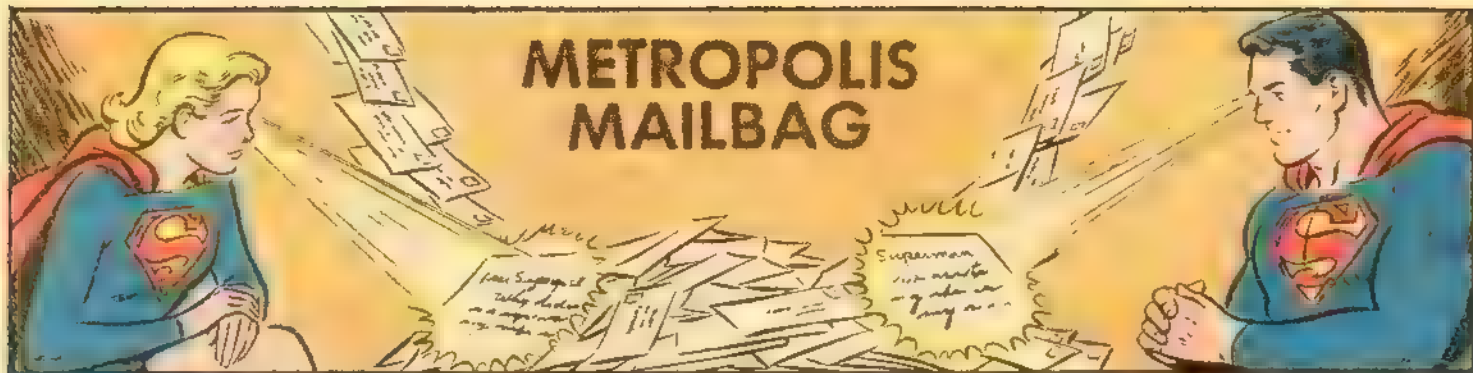


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Dear Editor: I enjoyed the story in the October ACTION COMICS, "The Man Who Saved Superman's Life" very much, but I regret to tell you that I have found a colossal boo-boo on the cover which illustrates this story. The cover quotes SUPERMAN as saying: "I'm the only person on EARTH who was on Krypton before it exploded." Well, this is not true. What about SUPERGIRL? If you manage to get out of this one, I'll eat a mixture of Red, Green and White Kryptonite.

Douglas McNevin, Howard Beach, N.Y.

(Prepare yourself for a bellyache. SUPERGIRL was not born on Krypton: her parents were. SUPERGIRL was born on a chunk of the planet Krypton which was hurled into space shortly before that world exploded.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor: I am very surprised that no reader ever mentions the one-page comics such as "Tricky," "Shorty," "Varsity Vic" and "Peg" and your educational page comics, such as "Be Your Own Boss" and "Get a Grip on Your Gripes." I would get very bored if it were not for these features.

Steve Scott, Shawnee-Mission, Kansas.

(Great Scott, Steve, but you're right! So herewith a belated salute to artist Henry Boltinoff for his many popular features which brighten the pages of our magazines, Mr. Boltinoff's cartoons, by the way, appear in many national magazines, such as Saturday Evening Post and Esquire.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor: I have a collection of your "Superman Family" of comics which totals more than 350. I'll be willing to bet them all that you NEVER will give us a story in which Superman reveals the existence of SUPERGIRL to the whole world!

Roger Payne, Milwaukee, Wisc.

(You should be glad that no one took you up on your reckless bet. For, as the last panel of the SUPERGIRL story in this issue announces, the very event you predicted would never happen finally does occur—SUPERMAN publicly reveals the existence of his super-cousin to the world in the next issue of ACTION COMICS. And it's not a hoax, a dream, or an IMAGINARY story. It's for real. Honest!—Ed.)

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Dear Editor: Now that Linda Lee has been adopted by the Danvers family, shouldn't she be called Linda Danvers instead of Lee? (Of course, she might use the Linda Lee byline in the event that she replaces Jimmy Olsen as Planet cub reporter when his promo-

tion goes through.) Incidentally, the results of the hair-do poll for Linda's new style shows excellent style on the part of your readers.

E. Nelson Bridwell, Oklahoma City, Okla.

(You're right; Linda's last name should be Danvers from now on. However, we'll still refer to her as "Linda Lee Danvers," so that we can maintain the "LL" pattern which has become so popular with many readers. As for Linda joining the staff of the Daily Planet and Jimmy being promoted . . . that's another story.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor: There are twenty-six girls in my class, and all of us are SUPERGIRL fans. We think she should get her powers back. We think she should be featured on the cover of ACTION COMICS. And we would like to see a whole magazine devoted to her.

Connie Deckert, New York City.

(All your wishes will come true in the next issue of ACTION COMICS, in which SUPERGIRL is finally revealed to the world—in an exciting, two-part novel, complete in one issue.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor: Is SUPERGIRL a member of the Justice League?

Alfred Stabile, Montreal, Canada.

(SUPERGIRL was never privileged to join the Justice League, inasmuch as her existence was known only to SUPERMAN and BATMAN. But now that she is to operate openly, Editor Julius Schwartz most likely will invite her to become a member of the Junior Justice League—when it is organized!—Ed.)

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Dear Editor: The Bizarro characters rank among my favorites. Is there any chance of us ever seeing the formation of a Bizarro-Supergirl?

David X. Minnow, London, England.

(Apparently you Britishers don't see all our magazines. A Bizarro-Supergirl was featured in Issue No. 140 of our companion magazine, SUPERMAN COMICS. However, she was destroyed tragically at the end of that story, so perhaps we'll bring her back in the series, "Tales of the Bizarro World," which now appear in every issue of ADVENTURE COMICS.—Ed.)

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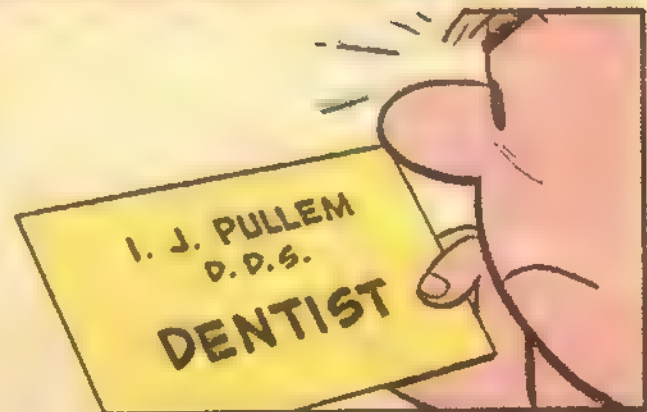
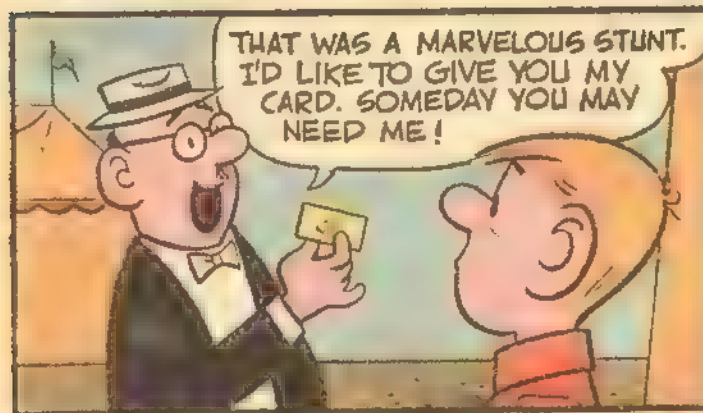
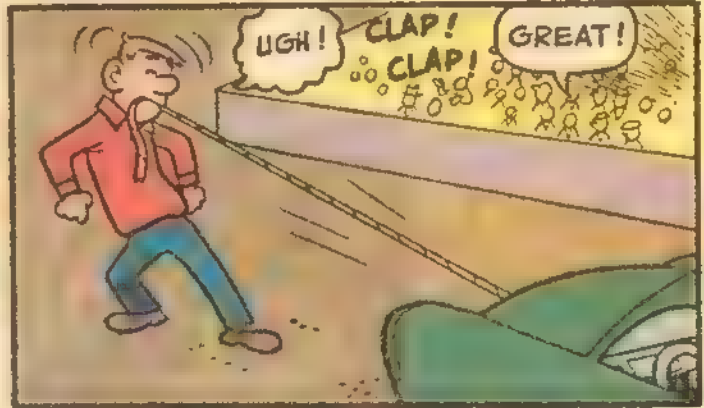
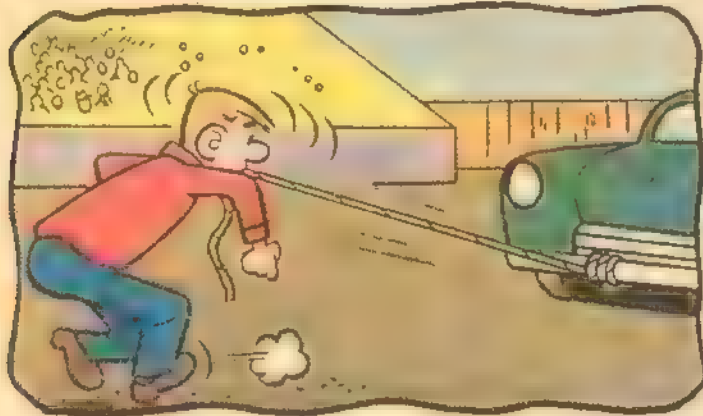
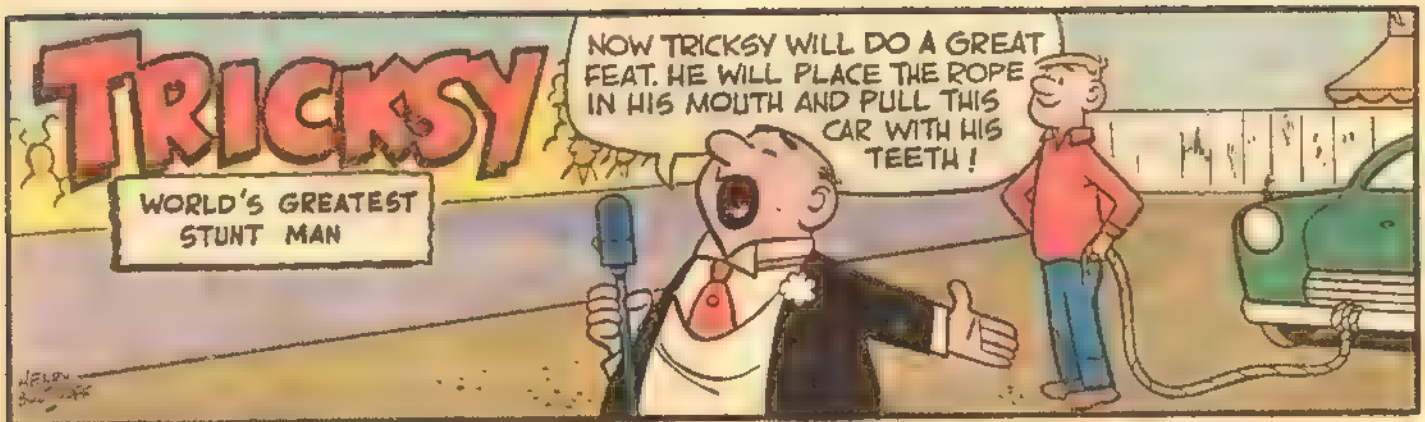
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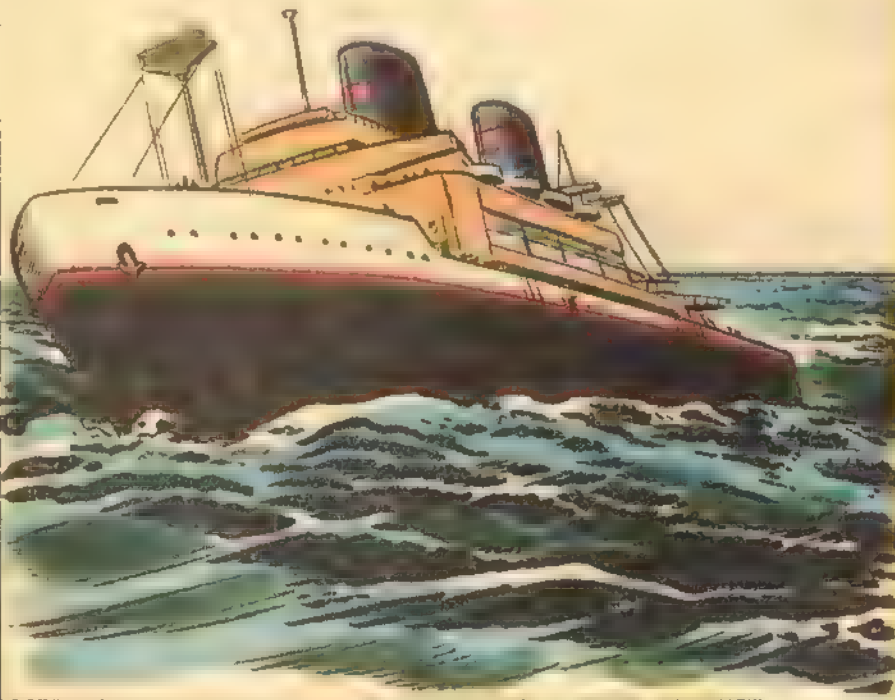
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SUPERGIRL

THAT PLANE'S FALLING!
MANY LIVES ARE AT STAKE!
LET'S GO **THIS** WAY!

NO! LET'S GO **THAT** WAY!
AN OCEAN LINER'S SINKING
AND EVEN **MORE** LIVES
MAY BE LOST!!

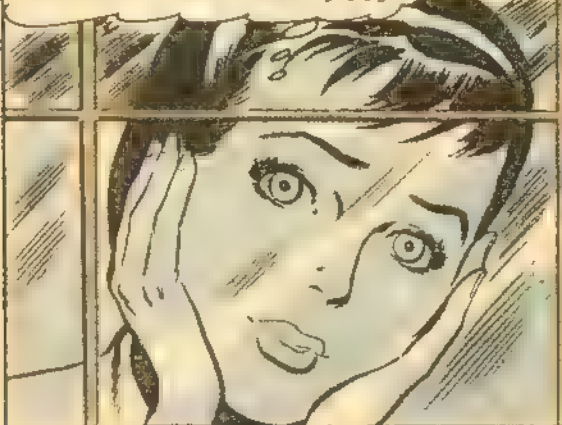


LAST MONTH WE SAW **RED KRYPTONITE** MAKE **SUPERGIRL** **SUPER-FAT**... THEN TRANSFORM HER INTO A TERRIFYING **WOLF-GIRL**... AND FINALLY, REDUCE HER TO TINY, MICROSCOPIC SIZE! IS HER ORDEAL OVER? OR IS IT POSSIBLE THAT **RED KRYPTONITE** CAN HAVE EVEN **MORE** INCREDIBLE EFFECTS ON THE **SUPER-BODY** OF THE **GIRL OF STEEL**? THE ANSWER IS **YES**, AS YOU WILL DISCOVER IN THIS AMAZING TALE OF...

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IN HER MIDVALE HOME, LINDA (SUPERGIRL) DANNERS WONDERS...

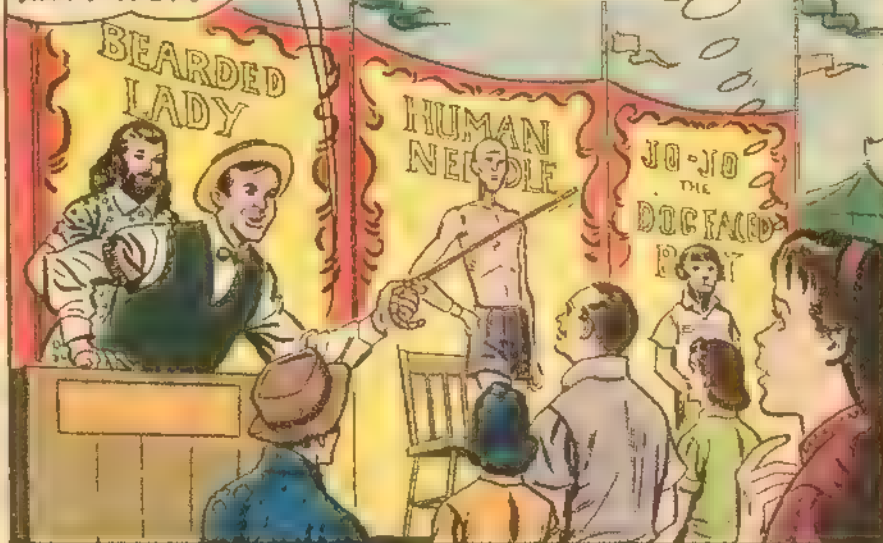
RECENTLY, I ENCOUNTERED SIX RED KRYPTONITE METEORS! SO FAR, THREE OF THEM CAUSED MY BODY TO CHANGE IN AMAZING WAYS! WHAT WILL THE REMAINING THREE METEORS DO TO ME ???!!



SHORTLY, AS LINDA VISITS THE MIDVALE FAIR, TO FORGET HER PROBLEMS...

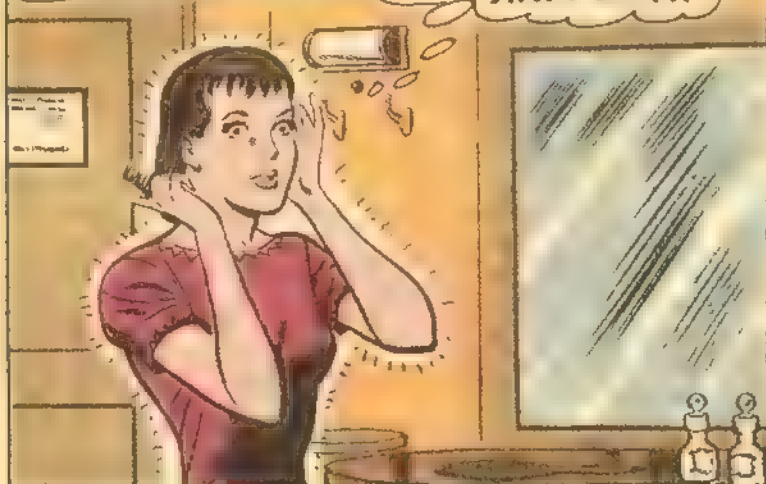
HA, HA! THOSE FREAKS ARE A RIOT!

GOSH, I SURE FEEL SORRY FOR THEM! POOR THINGS!



MOMENTS AFTERWARD, AS SHE COMBS HER HAIR...

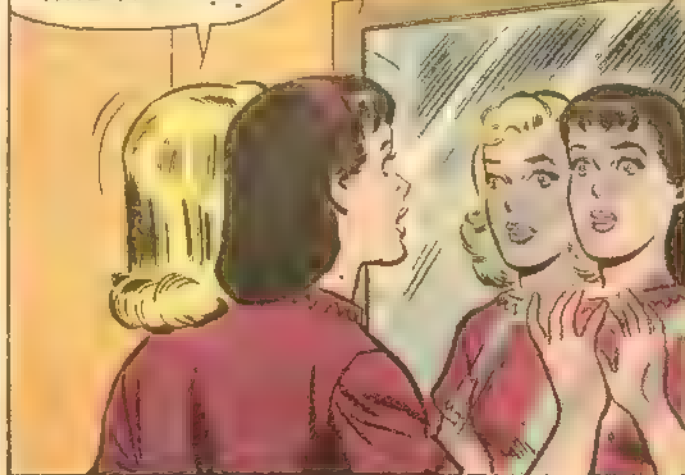
OH! I--I'M **TINGLING** ALL OVER! THAT MEANS THE EFFECT CAUSED BY THE FOURTH RED KRYPTONITE METEOR IS ABOUT TO TAKE PLACE! WHAT WILL **HAPPEN?!!**



SUDDENLY...

ULP! I'VE GROWN ANOTHER **HEAD!...** THIS IS **GHASTLY!** WHAT A **TERRIBLE FATE!**

WHERE AM I??
WHO AM I??



YOU'RE **ME!** YOU'RE "**SUPERGIRL HEAD NO.2!**"
MOAN!! - RED KRYPTONITE CAUSED THIS! I KNOW IT'S AWFULLY CONFUSING, B-BUT I'LL TRY TO MAKE IT ALL **CLEAR!**

PLEASE DO!



AFTER LINDA EXPLAINS...

LET'S GET OUT OF HERE! I MUSN'T BE SEEN LIKE THIS!

NOT UNTIL I'VE LOOKED AT THE FAIR! I'M-- **CURIOUS!**



PRESENTLY, AS SUPERGIRL HEAD NO. 2 HAS HER WAY...

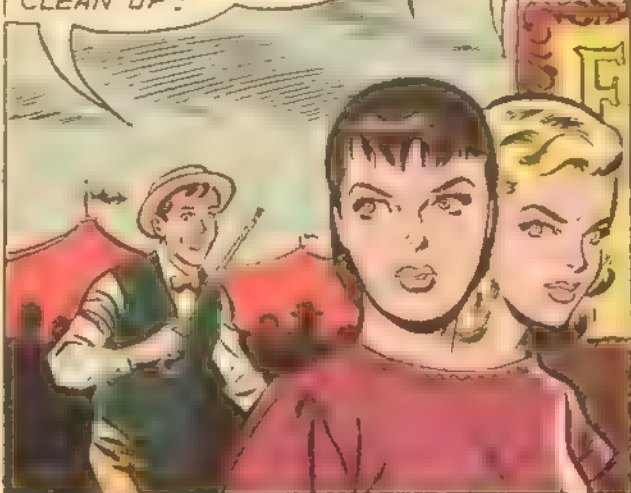
FASCINATING! HOW THAT FREAK CAN FAKE A SECOND HEAD BEATS ME!

WHEW!--THANK GOODNESS EVERYONE BELIEVES MY SECOND HEAD IS A **PHONEY!**



I'M THE MANAGER OF THE FREAK SHOW! WORK FOR ME, SISTER--I MEAN **SISTERS**, AND WE'LL CLEAN UP!

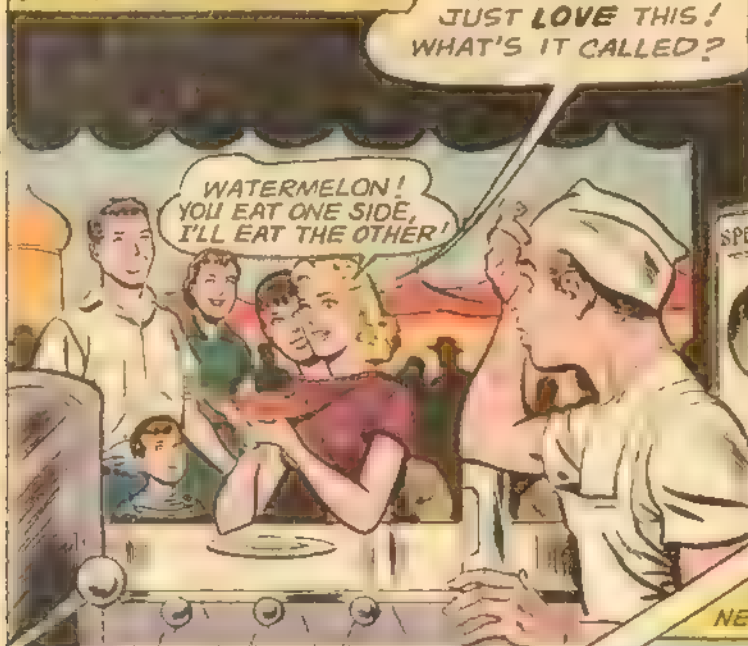
SORRY, BUT--
--WE'RE NOT INTERESTED!



SOON, AT A FOOD COUNTER...

YUM YUM! I JUST LOVE THIS! WHAT'S IT CALLED?

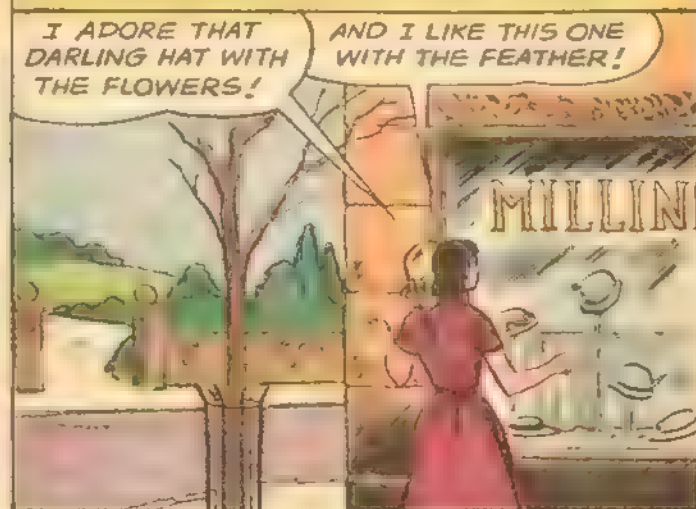
WATERMELON! YOU EAT ONE SIDE, I'LL EAT THE OTHER!



LATER, AS THE TWO-HEADED GIRL PASSES A MILLINERY SHOP ON A SECLUDED STREET...

I ADORE THAT DARLING HAT WITH THE FLOWERS!

AND I LIKE THIS ONE WITH THE FEATHER!



SOON, AS SHE EMERGES BESIDE A MOUNTAIN NEAR AN AIR FORCE FIELD...

MINUTES AFTERWARD, IN A DESERTED SECTION OF MIDVALE PARK...

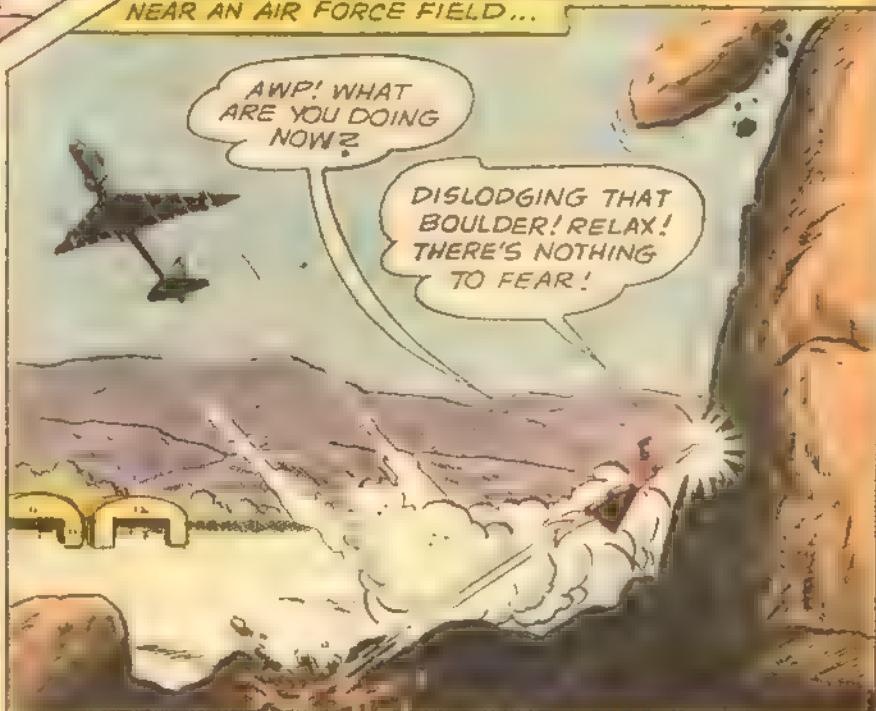
EEK! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?



DON'T BE AFRAID! I TOLD YOU I POSSESS SUPER-POWERS AND I'M GOING TO PROVE IT BY BURROWING THROUGH THE GROUND!

AWP! WHAT ARE YOU DOING NOW?

DISLODGING THAT BOULDER! RELAX! THERE'S NOTHING TO FEAR!





NEXT INSTANT...

THE BOULDER IS SHATTERING AGAINST OUR HEADS! WE'RE UNHARMED!



SEE? I TOLD YOU WE'RE INVULNERABLE! UH-OH! THAT JET IS IN TROUBLE! A BOMB DEVICE BENEATH IT IS RIPPING LOOSE!

WITHIN THE PLANE...

RADIO CONTACT SAYS THE H-BOMB IS ABOUT TO FALL OFF, DUE TO A VIBRATIONAL STRAIN WHEN WE WENT THROUGH THE SOUND BARRIER!



IT'LL WIPE OUT THE FIELD AND EVERYONE ON IT!

MOMENTS LATER, IN A DISTANT DESERT...

IT'S EXPLODING--AND WE'RE NOT DESTROYED!



THAT'S BECAUSE WE'RE BOTH INVULNERABLE, NO?

SWIFTLY, THE TWO-HEADED MAIDEN SWITCHES TO HER DYNAMIC IDENTITY AS SUPERGIRL, THEN...

CAUGHT THE FALLING BOMB! NOW TO STREAK OFF WITH IT FASTER THAN THE EYE CAN FOLLOW!



MEANWHILE, AT THE AIR FORCE FIELD...

INCREDIBLE! THE FALLING H-BOMB NEVER HIT THE FIELD, AND A SEISMOGRAPH REPORT INDICATES IT EXPLODED... IN A FAR-OFF DESERT! AND SUPERMAN DIDN'T SAVE US-- HE'S IN THE FUTURE!

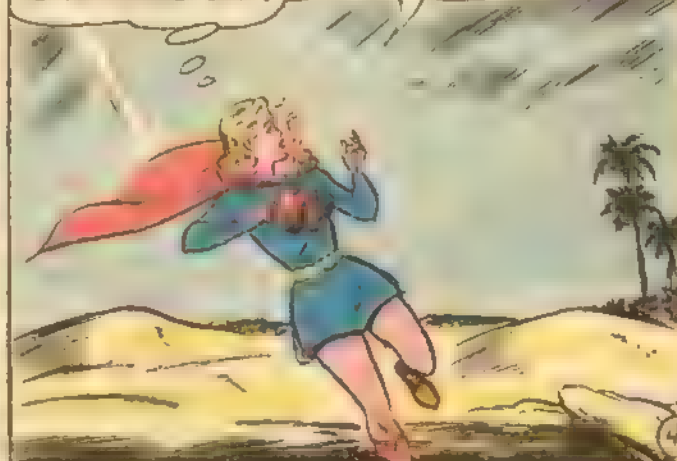
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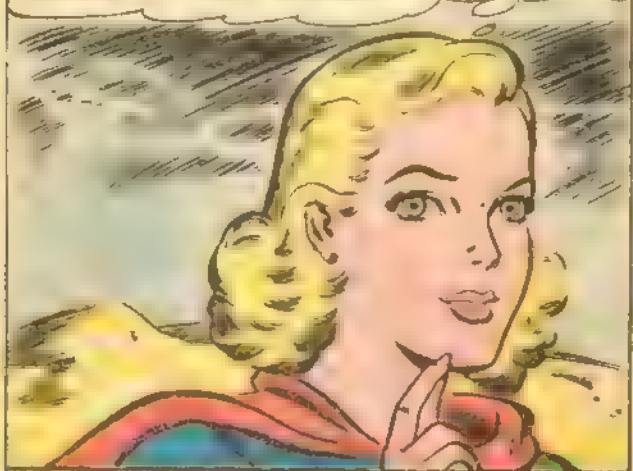
AT THAT INSTANT, IN THE DESERT...

MY SECOND HEAD IS VANISHING, AS THE EFFECT OF THE FOURTH RED KRYPTONITE METEOR IS WEARING OFF!

EVERYTHING'S -- BLURRING! **SUPER-GIRL NO. 1... SAVE ME! HELP ME!**



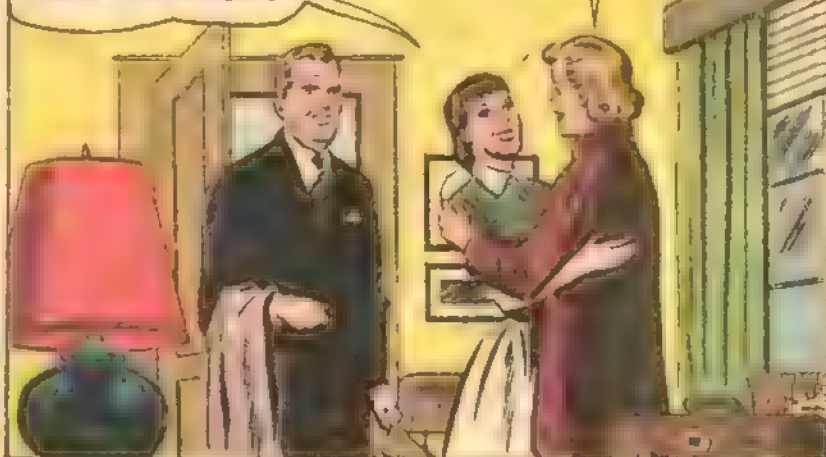
A MOMENT LATER... I'M MY NORMAL SELF AGAIN, WITH ONLY ONE HEAD! WHEW!... I'M GLAD TO BE MYSELF ONCE MORE, YET IN A WAY I'LL MISS THAT SECOND HEAD! IT WAS ALMOST LIKE HAVING A... TWIN SISTER!



SOON AFTER **SUPERGIRL** RETURNS HOME AS LINDA, HER PARENTS COME BACK FROM THEIR EMERGENCY TRIP TO EUROPE...

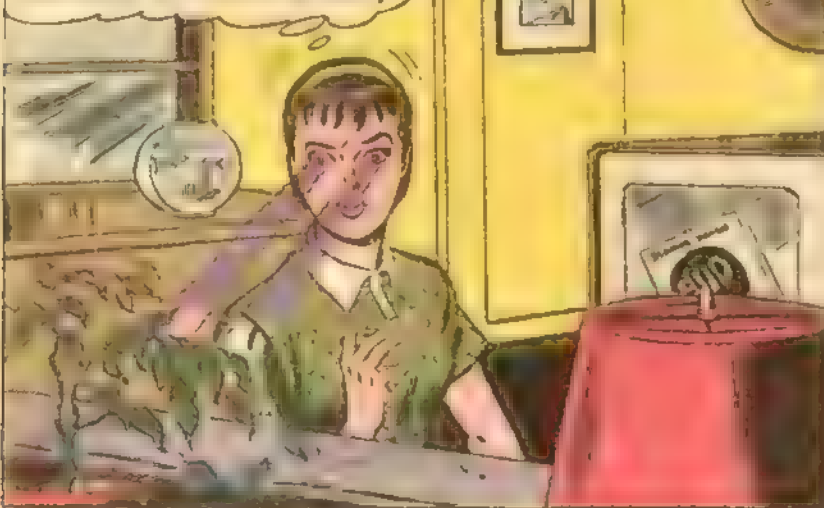
MOTHER--DAD! IT'S SO WONDERFUL TO HAVE YOU BACK!

WE MISSED YOU, DARLING!

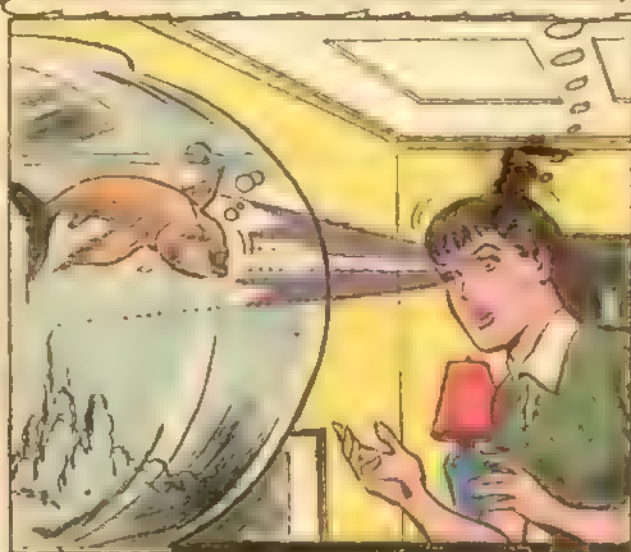


LATER, AS LINDA SITS ALONE IN THE LIVING ROOM...

THAT POTTED FLOWER! IT'S RAPIDLY **WILTING** BEFORE MY VERY EYES!

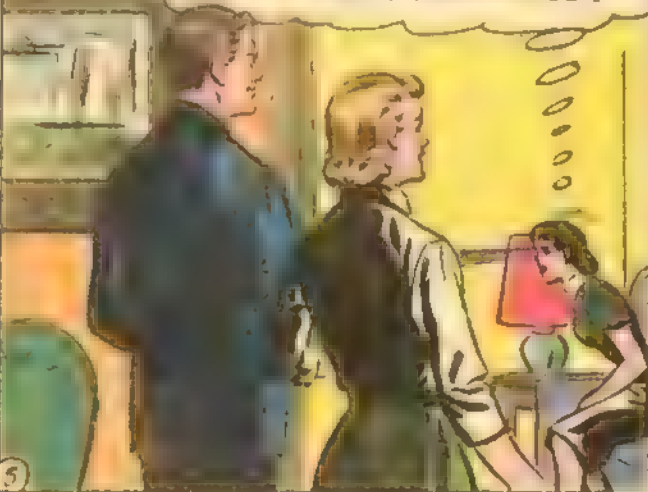


STRANGE!...AND NOW, THE **GOLDFISH** ARE FLOATING UP TO THE TOP OF THEIR BOWL...**DEAD!** WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?!



AS HER PARENTS START TO ENTER THE ROOM, AND LINDA BEGINS TO TURN TOWARD THEM...

GREAT SCOTT! WHAT IF THE **FIFTH RED KRYPTONITE** METEOR GAVE ME **FATAL VISION!** OH, NO! THAT'S SILLY! UTTERLY RIDICULOUS!



SUDDENLY, TO LINDA'S HORROR, AS HER EYES GAZE UPON HER FOSTER-PARENTS...

OH-H-H! YOUR EYES! OH-H-H!

MOTHER!... DAD!!



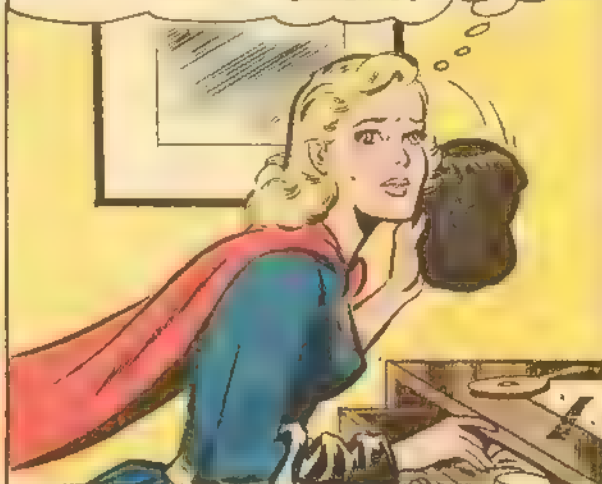
IMMEDIATELY, SHE CHECKS THEIR HEART AND PULSE-BEATS, BUT...

CHOKE!... DEAD! THEY'RE DEAD, AND I DESTROYED THEM WITH MY FATAL VISION!... SOB!... MOM... DAD... FORGIVE ME, FORGIVE ME! IT WAS... AN ACCIDENT!



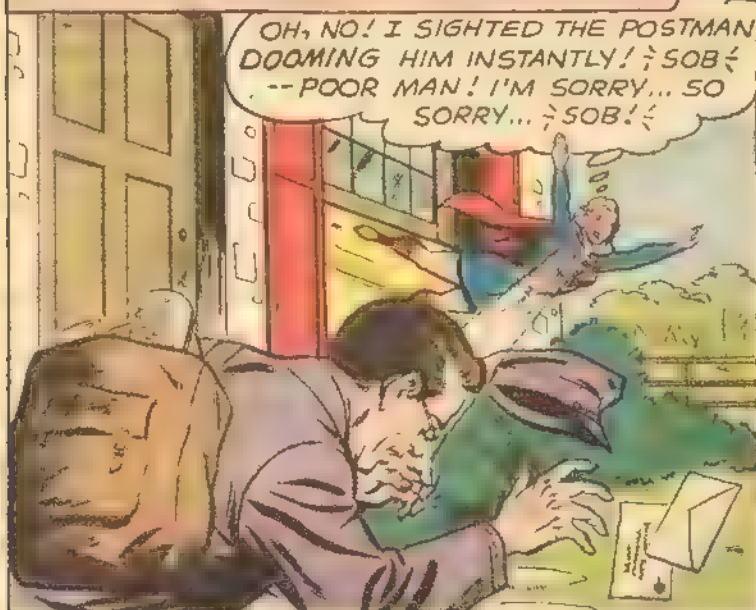
SWIFTLY, LINDA SWITCHES IDENTITIES...

I'VE BECOME A LIVING MENACE TO EVERY FORM OF LIFE ON THIS WORLD!... I--I MUST FLEE INTO OUTER SPACE AT ONCE!!



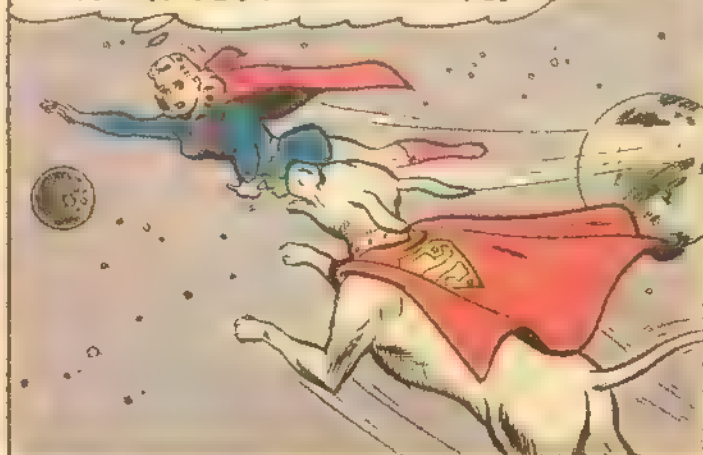
BUT AS SHE FLASHES OUT OF HER HOME...

OH, NO! I SIGHTED THE POSTMAN, DOOMING HIM INSTANTLY! SOB!... POOR MAN! I'M SORRY... SO SORRY... SOB!

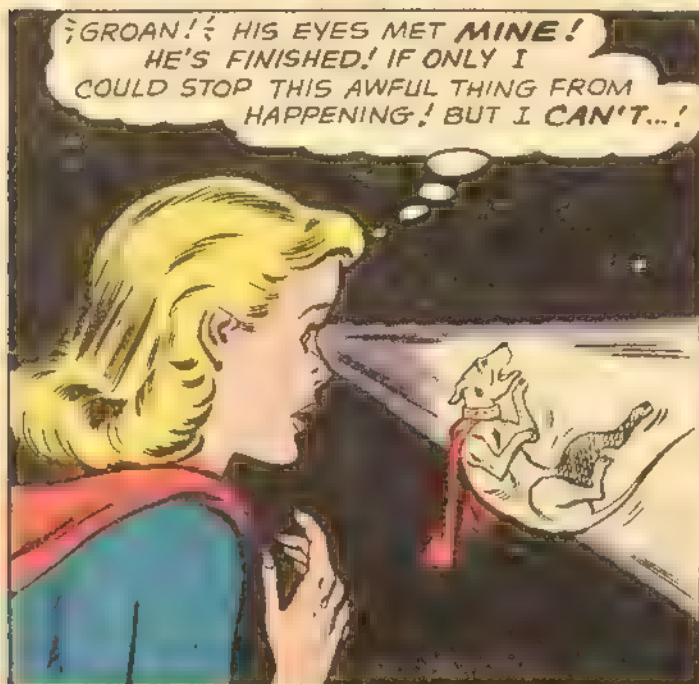


AWAY FROM EARTH SHE STREAKS...

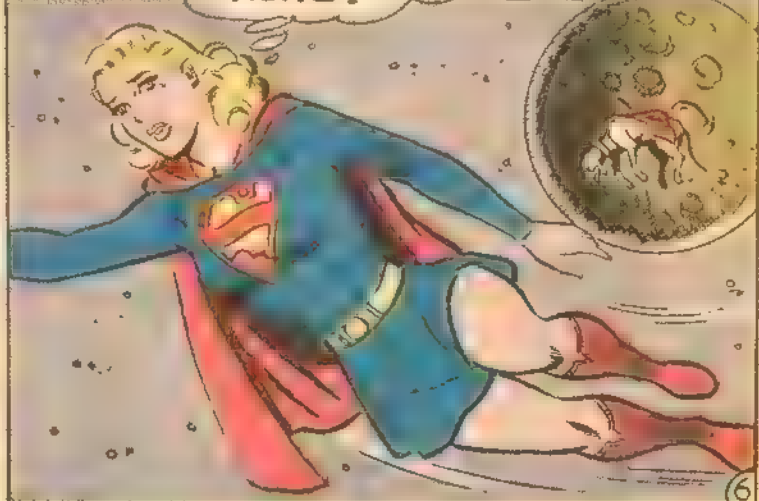
I DON'T DARE GO TO ANY INHABITED WORLD, WHERE I MAY HARM MORE INNOCENT PEOPLE!... GASP!... HERE COMES KRYPTO, SUPERMAN'S PET!... KEEP AWAY FROM ME, KRYPTO! KEEP AWAY!!



GROAN! HIS EYES MET MINE! HE'S FINISHED! IF ONLY I COULD STOP THIS AWFUL THING FROM HAPPENING! BUT I CAN'T...

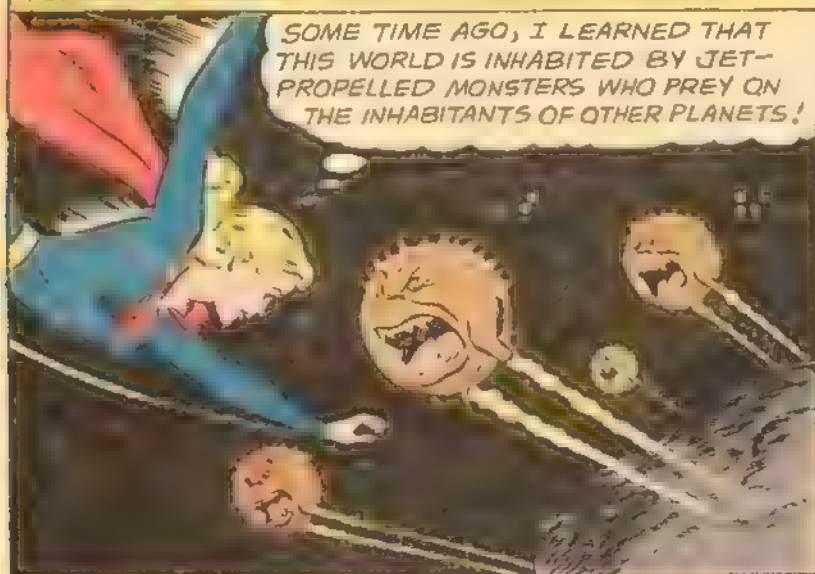


ONE SECOND LATER... KRYPTO'S DEAD... AND I SLEW HIM--JUST AS I KILLED MY PARENTS AND THE POSTMAN! SOB!... I DIDN'T MEAN TO HARM ANY OF THEM! SOB!... I--I'M THE MOST DANGEROUS GIRL ALIVE!



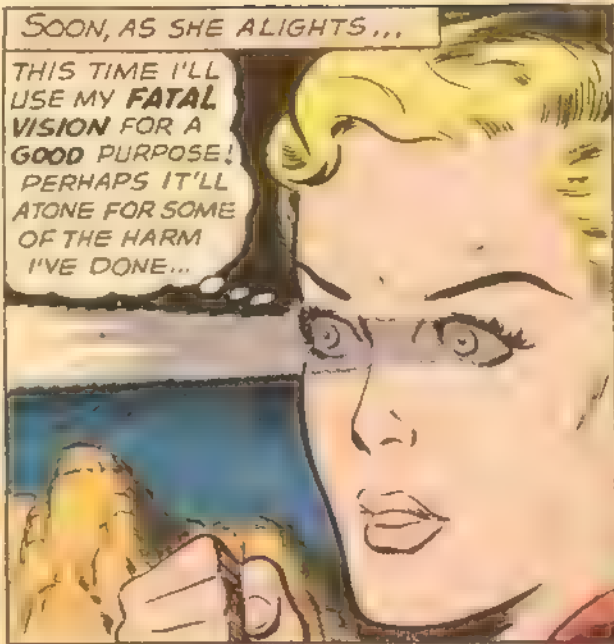
BROKENHEARTEDLY, THE **GIRL OF DOOM** SPEEDS TOWARD A CERTAIN PLANET IN ANOTHER GALAXY...

SOME TIME AGO, I LEARNED THAT THIS WORLD IS INHABITED BY JET-PROPELLED MONSTERS WHO PREY ON THE INHABITANTS OF OTHER PLANETS!



SOON, AS SHE ALIGHTS...

THIS TIME I'LL USE MY **FATAL VISION** FOR A GOOD PURPOSE! PERHAPS IT'LL ATONE FOR SOME OF THE HARM I'VE DONE...



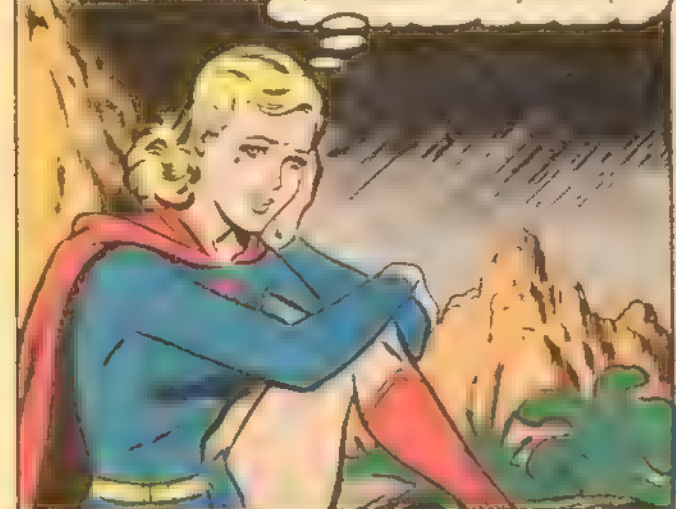
AS HORDES OF THE HIDEOUS CREATURES ATTACK, THEY ARE WIPED OUT BY **SUPERGIRL'S** MACABRE VISION...

NO MORE WILL THEY DESTROY PEOPLE AND CITIES THROUGHOUT THE COSMOS! MY **FATAL VISION** IS OBLITERATING EVERY LAST ONE OF THESE DREADFUL THINGS!



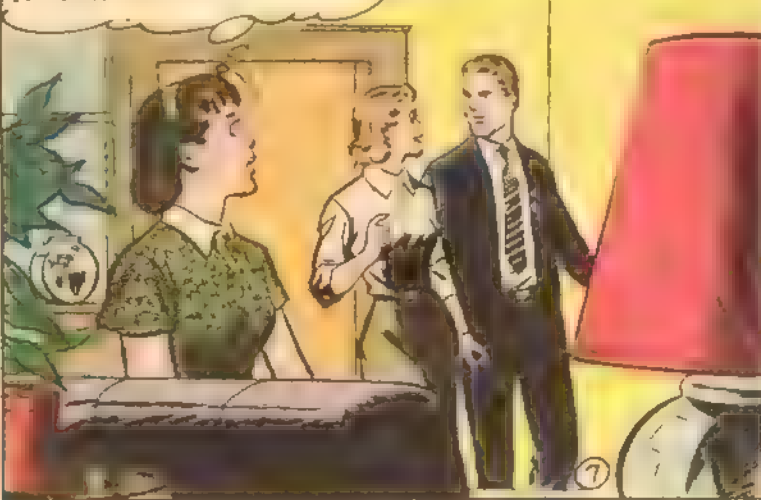
AFTERWARDS, ALONE WITH HER THOUGHTS...

¿SOB!-- I LOVED MOM AND DAD SO... AND **K-KRYPTO**, TOO! I'LL NEVER, NEVER FORGIVE MYSELF FOR WHAT I DID TO THEM, EVEN IF IT WAS ACCIDENTAL! --¿SOB!¿



SUDDENLY, AMAZINGLY...

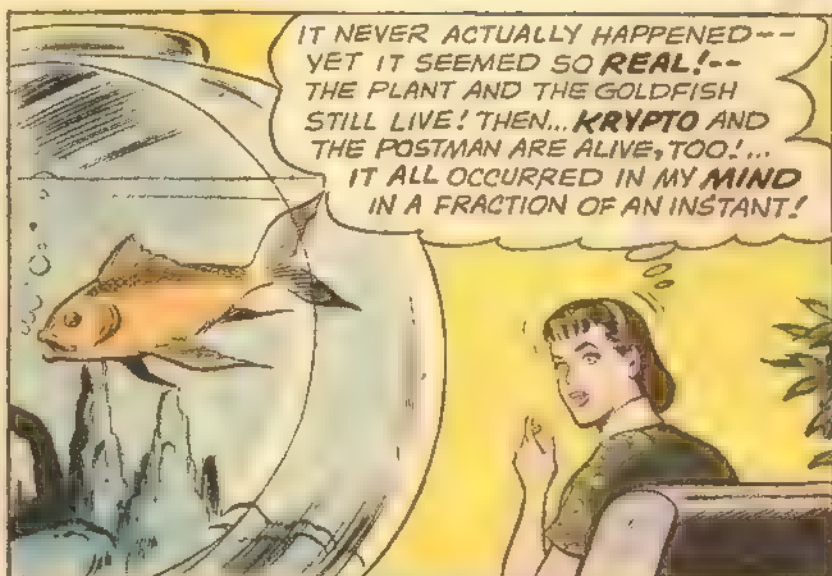
GREAT SCOTT! WHAT'S HAPPENED? I'M NO LONGER ON A DISTANT PLANET--AS **SUPERGIRL**... I'M BACK ON EARTH AGAIN, IN MY LINDA IDENTITY, AND-- ¿GASP!¿ -- MY PARENTS ARE ALIVE!... NOW I GET IT!



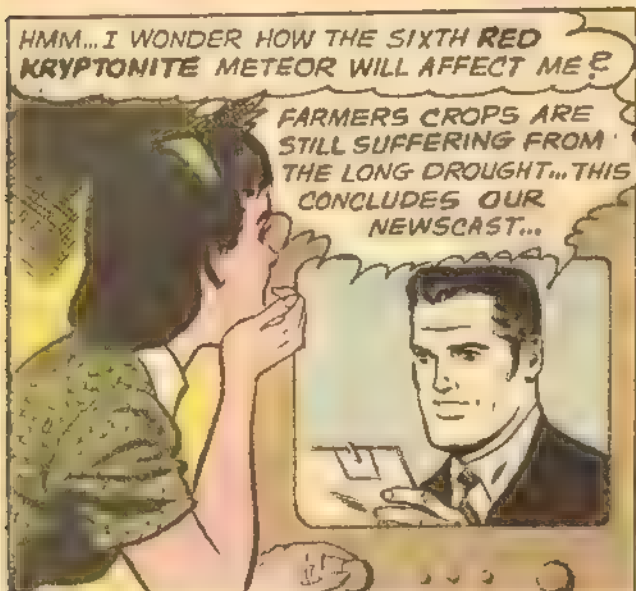


MY EXPERIENCE WITH THE **FATAL VISION** WAS ALL A RED KRYPTONITE HALLUCINATION!

EDITOR'S NOTE: HALLUCINATIONS OF THIS TYPE FREQUENTLY OCCUR AS A RESULT OF EXPOSURE TO RED KRYPTONITE. SEE "SUPERBOY'S VOYAGE TO NEW KRYPTON", SUPERBOY MAGAZINE NO. 74, AND "THE ORPHANS OF SPACE", SUPERMAN MAGAZINE NO. 144.

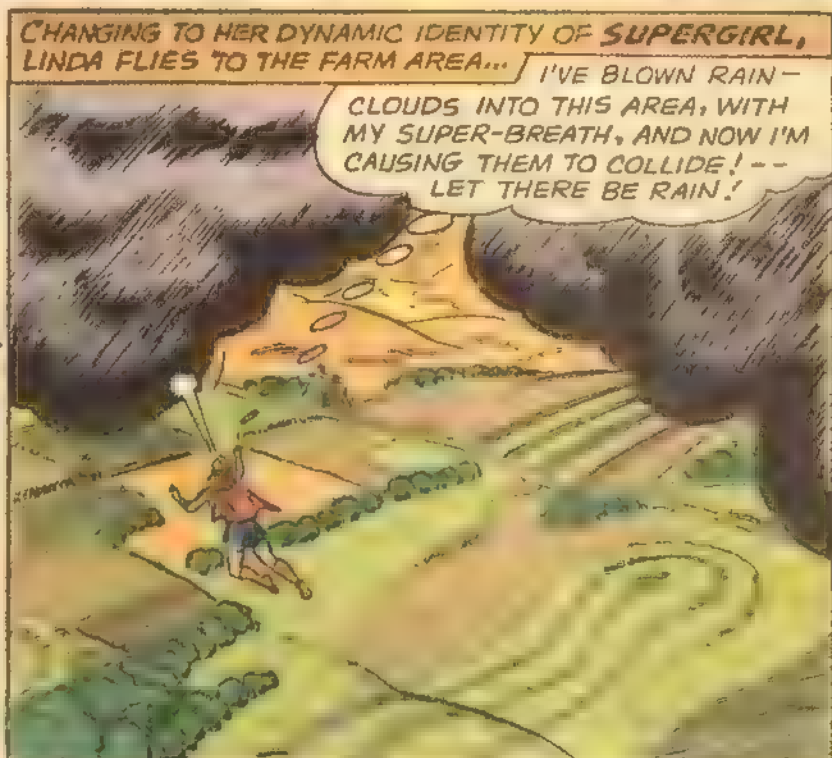


IT NEVER ACTUALLY HAPPENED-- YET IT SEEMED SO **REAL!**-- THE PLANT AND THE GOLDFISH STILL LIVE! THEN... **KRYPTO** AND THE POSTMAN ARE ALIVE, TOO! ... IT ALL OCCURRED IN MY **MIND** IN A FRACTION OF AN INSTANT!



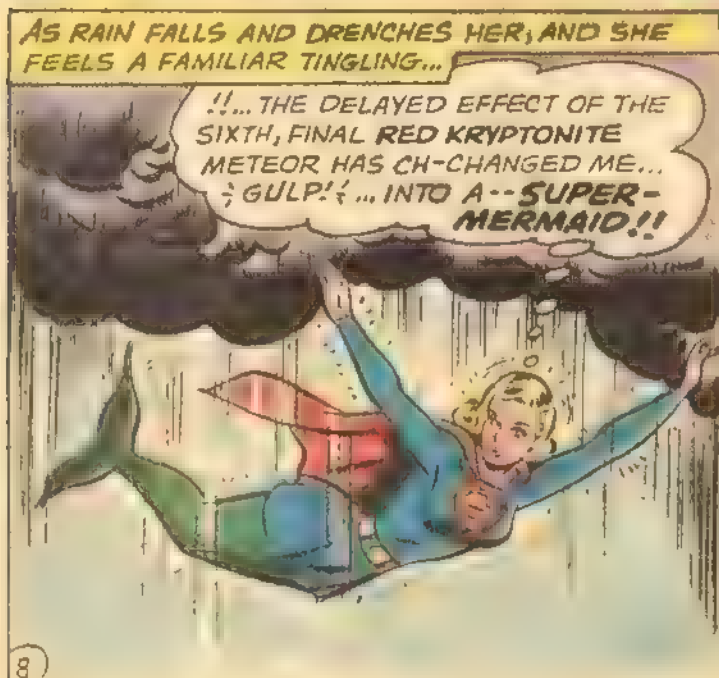
HMM... I WONDER HOW THE SIXTH RED KRYPTONITE METEOR WILL AFFECT ME?

FARMERS CROPS ARE STILL SUFFERING FROM THE LONG DROUGHT... THIS CONCLUDES OUR NEWSCAST...



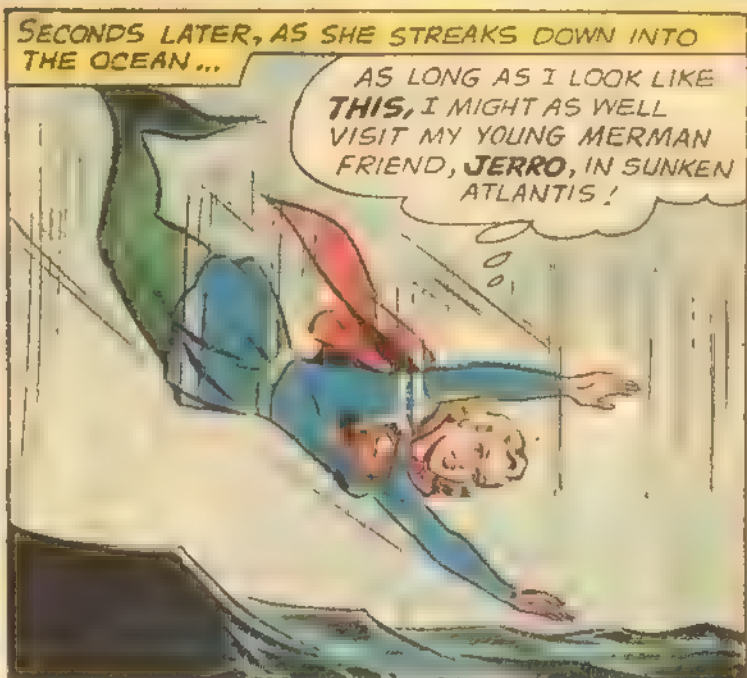
CHANGING TO HER DYNAMIC IDENTITY OF **SUPERGIRL**, LINDA FLIES TO THE FARM AREA...

I'VE BLOWN RAIN-CLOUDS INTO THIS AREA, WITH MY SUPER-BREATH, AND NOW I'M CAUSING THEM TO COLLIDE! -- LET THERE BE RAIN!



AS RAIN FALLS AND DRENCHES HER, AND SHE FEELS A FAMILIAR TINGLING...

!!... THE DELAYED EFFECT OF THE SIXTH, FINAL RED KRYPTONITE METEOR HAS CH-CHANGED ME... GULP! ... INTO A-- **SUPER-MERMAID!!**



SECONDS LATER, AS SHE STREAKS DOWN INTO THE OCEAN...

AS LONG AS I LOOK LIKE **THIS**, I MIGHT AS WELL VISIT MY YOUNG MERMAN FRIEND, **JERRO**, IN SUNKEN ATLANTIS!



ACTION COMICS



"WHEN THE SCIENTISTS OF ANCIENT ATLANTIS LEARNED THE ISLAND WAS SINKING INTO THE SEA, THEY CONSTRUCTED A HUGE GLASS DOME..."



THE DOME SHALL KEEP OUT THE SEA!

"YEARS LATER, THEIR SCIENTISTS FOUND A WAY TO CHANGE THE ATLANTIDES INTO MERMEN AND MERMAIDS..."

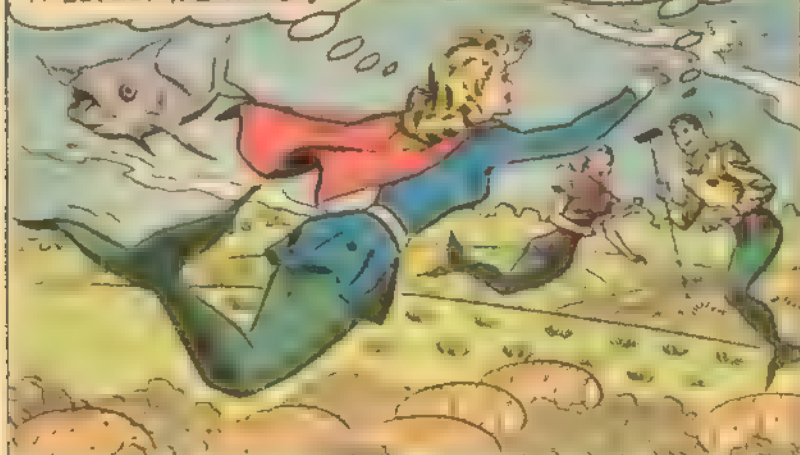


SMASH THE DOME! WE DO NOT NEED IT ANY LONGER! FROM NOW ON THE SEA IS OUR HOME!

SHORTLY, IN ATLANTIS, AS SHE LOCATES HER FRIEND, WHO, LIKE ALL ATLANTIDES, CAN READ MINDS AND SEND MENTAL MESSAGES...

JERRO'S WORKING ON THAT WEIRD MARINE FARM WITH A LOVELY MERMAID!

SUPERGIRL! YOU'VE BECOME A SUPER-MERMAID!!- YOU'RE... BEAUTIFUL!

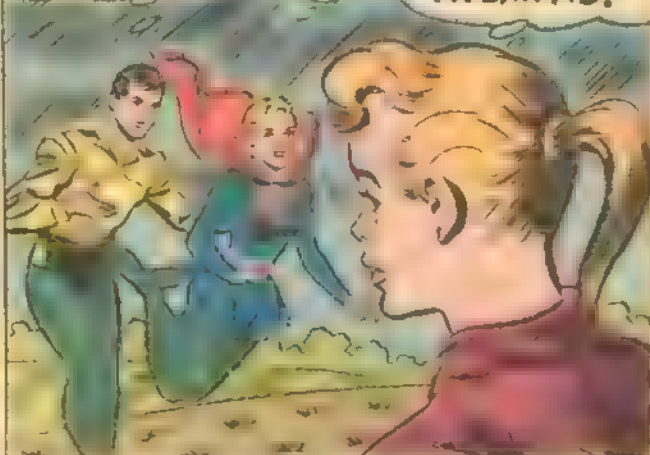


AND AS JERRO LEARNS HOW THE AMAZING TRANSFORMATION OCCURRED...

THIS IS LENORA... THE SISTER OF LORI LEMARIS!

PLEASED TO MEET YOU!

ALL ATLANTIDES KNOW AND ADMIRE YOU! WELCOME TO ATLANTIS!



BUT AS JERRO SWIMS OFF WITH SUPER-MERMAID...

CHOKE!--HE ADORES HER!

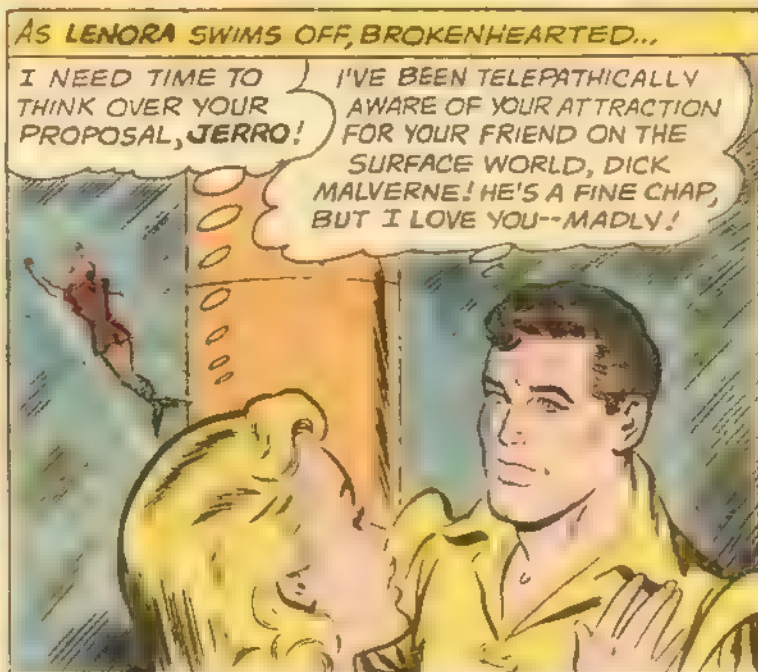
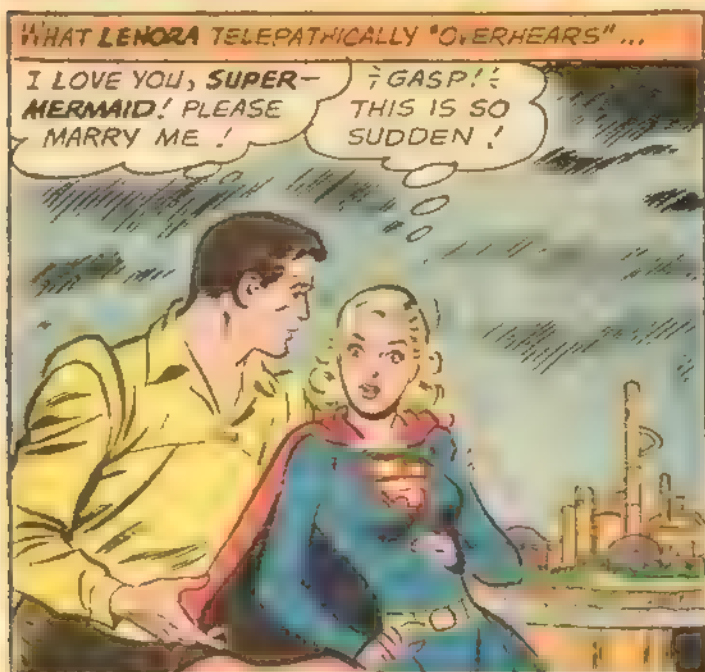
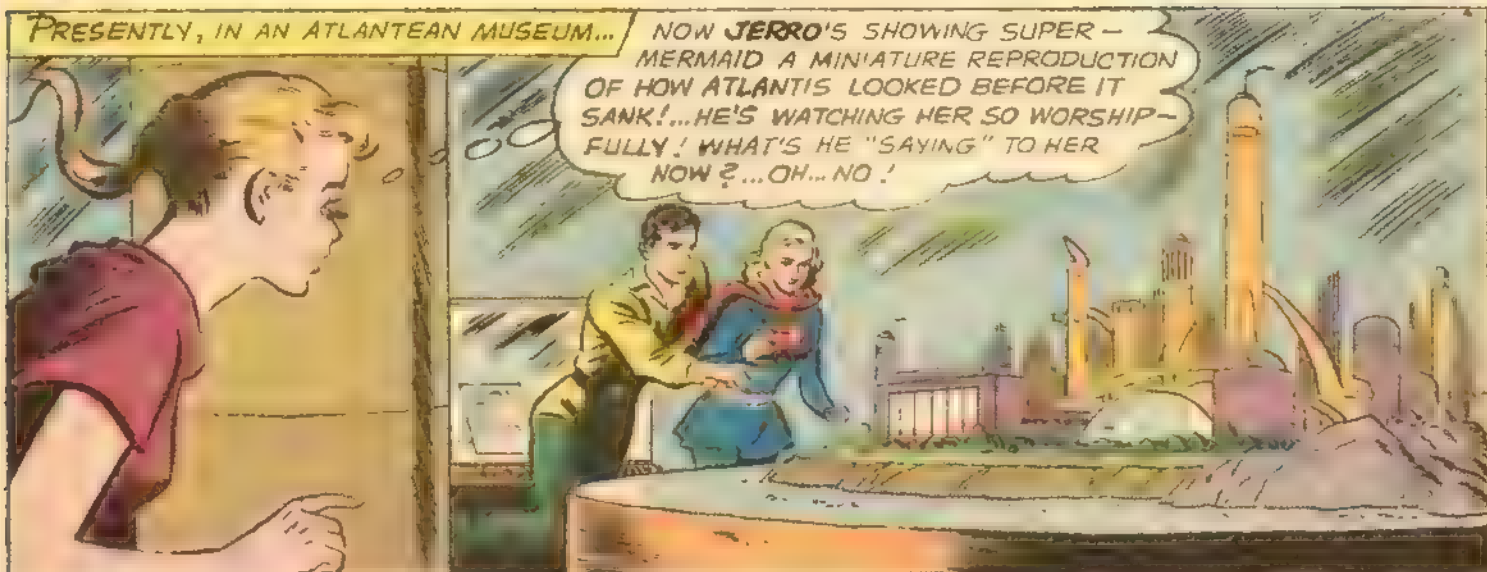
LITTLE DOES JERRO KNOW HOW OFTEN I'VE SHIELDED MY THOUGHTS SO HE WOULDN'T KNOW HOW HOPELESSLY I LOVE HIM...

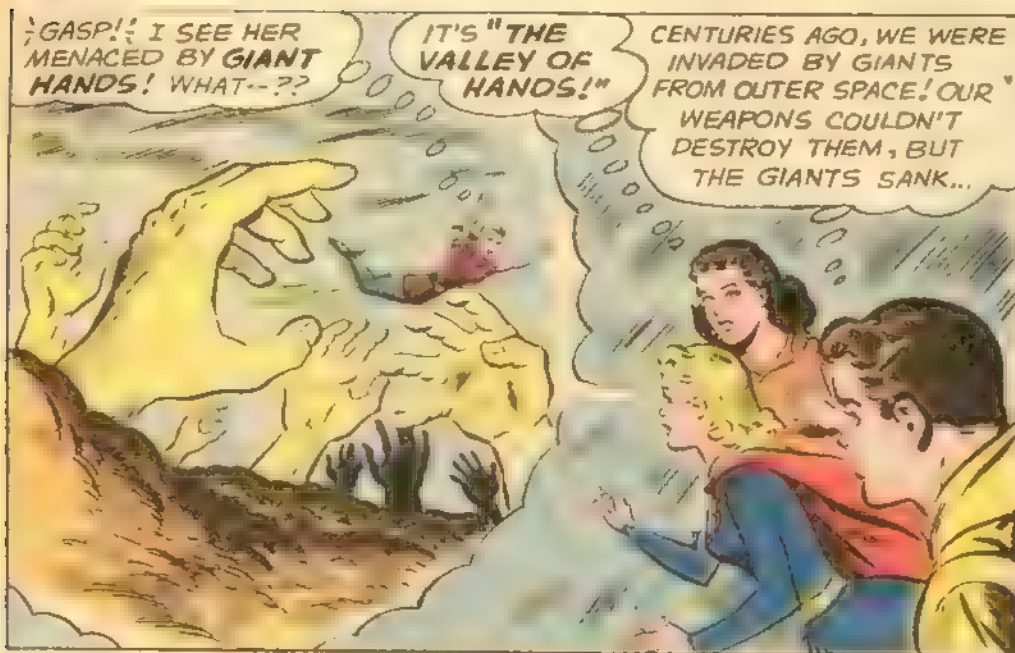


UNHAPPILY, LENORA TRAILS THE TWO, AS THEY SWIM PAST ATLANTIDE VEHICLES PROPELLED BY WATER JETS...

NOW THEY'RE GREETING LORI!--CHOKE! IF ONLY JERRO LOVED ME, AS I LOVE... HIM...







"GASP!! I SEE HER MENACED BY GIANT HANDS! WHAT--??

IT'S "THE VALLEY OF HANDS!"

CENTURIES AGO, WE WERE INVADED BY GIANTS FROM OUTER SPACE! OUR WEAPONS COULDN'T DESTROY THEM, BUT THE GIANTS SANK...

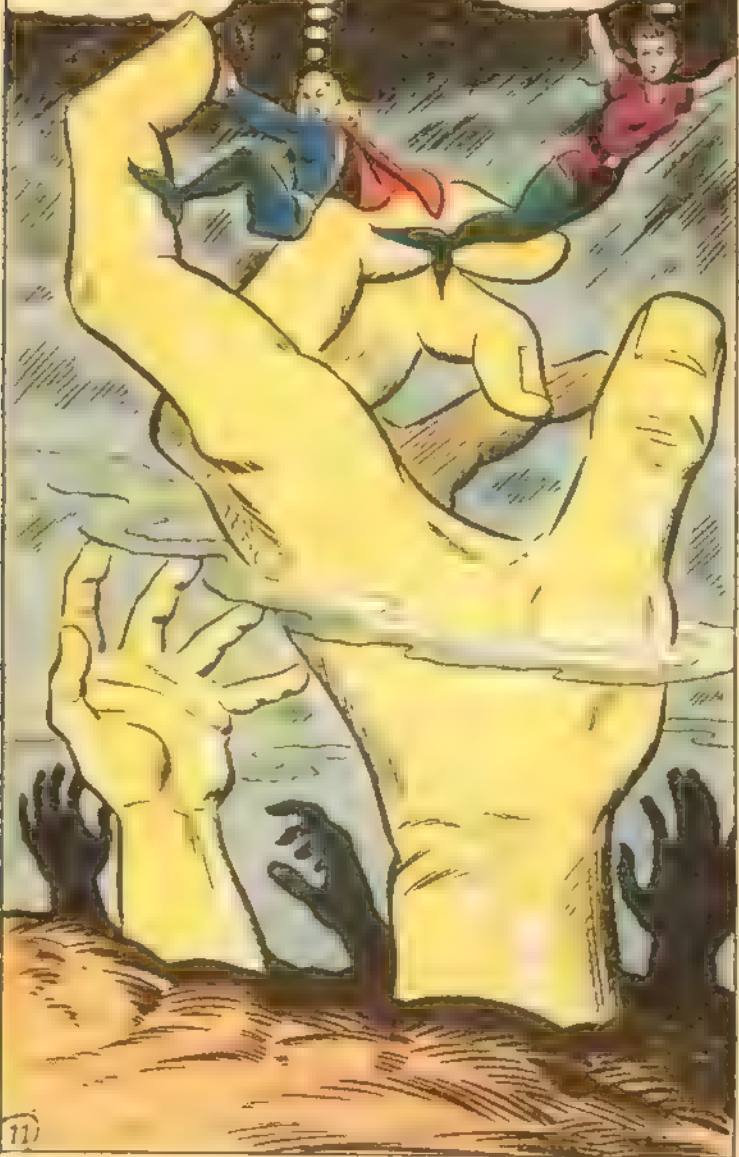
...INTO THE VALLEY'S BOGS, ONLY THEIR UPRaised HANDS REMAINING IN VIEW! THEY'LL LIVE IN THAT TRAPPED STATE FOR A THOUSAND YEARS MORE! LENORA MUST'VE BLUNDERED INTO THE VALLEY, WHILE DISTRACTED BY HER UNHAPPY THOUGHTS!



STREAKING INTO THE PERILOUS VALLEY, **SUPER-MERMAID** FORCES OPEN THE FINGERS OF A MASSIVE HAND, AS IT CLOSES ABOUT TERRIFIED LENORA...

HANDS OFF THAT MERMAID, YOU BIG APE!

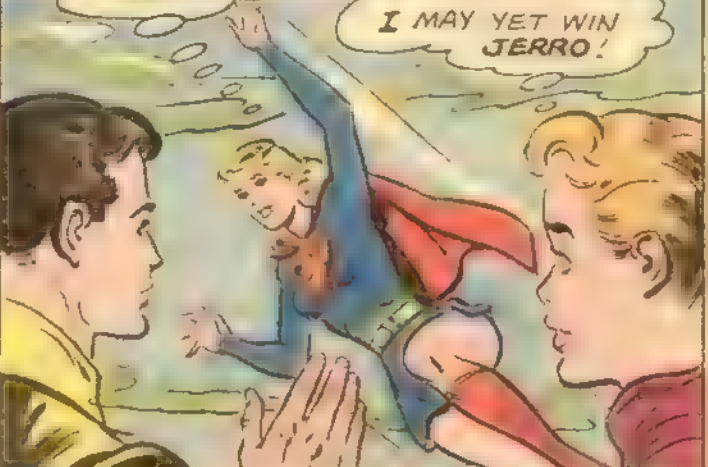
SUPER-MERMAID!! I... OWE MY LIFE TO YOU!!



NO SOONER DOES SHE SWIM LENORA TO SAFETY, THEN SHE FELS A TINGLING, AND...

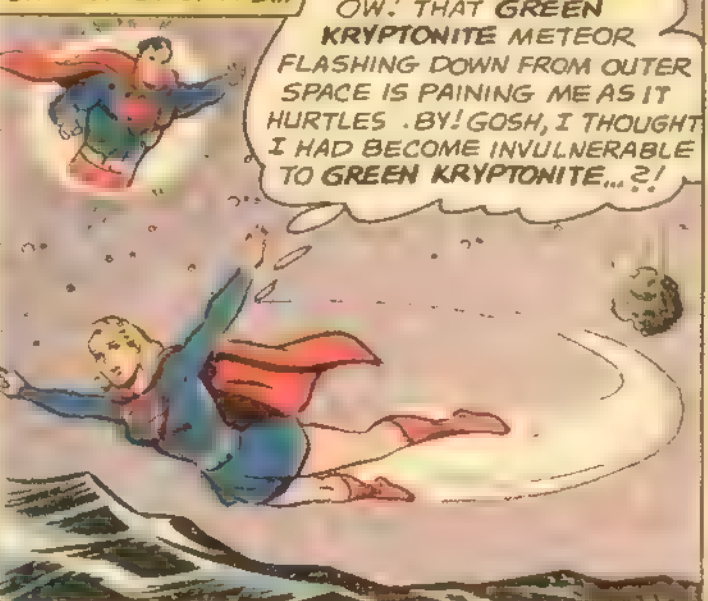
THE **RED KRYPTONITE'S** EFFECT WORE OFF, AND I'VE RETURNED TO MY NORMAL FORM! I'LL DECIDE ABOUT YOUR PROPOSAL LATER, **JERRO!**

I MAY YET WIN **JERRO!**



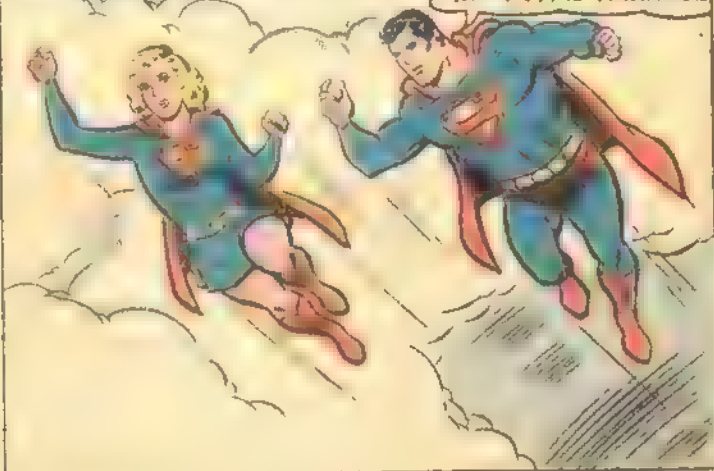
AS **SUPergirl** STREAKS OUT OF THE OCEAN, SHE INVESTIGATES...

OW! THAT **GREEN KRYPTONITE METEOR** FLASHING DOWN FROM OUTER SPACE IS PAINING ME AS IT HURTLES .BY! GOSH, I THOUGHT I HAD BECOME INVULNERABLE TO **GREEN KRYPTONITE**... ?!

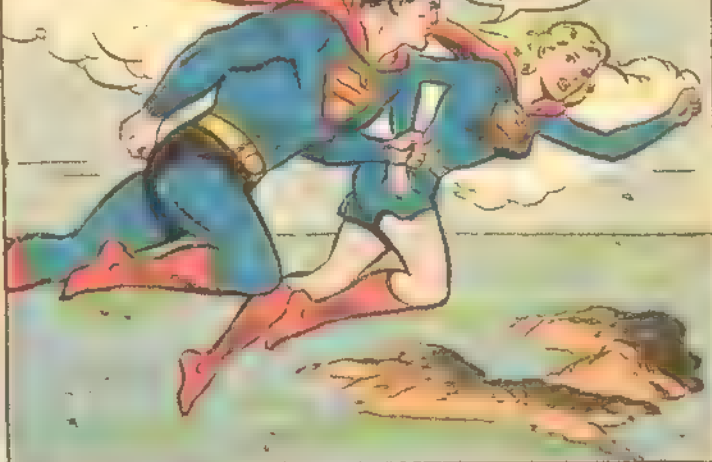


MATERIALIZING OUT OF THE TIME-BARRIER, AFTER RETURNING FROM HIS VISIT TO THE **LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES** IN THE FUTURE, **SUPERMAN** EXPLAINS...

WHILE RETURNING TO THE PRESENT, I OVERSHOT MY MARK AND ARRIVED.

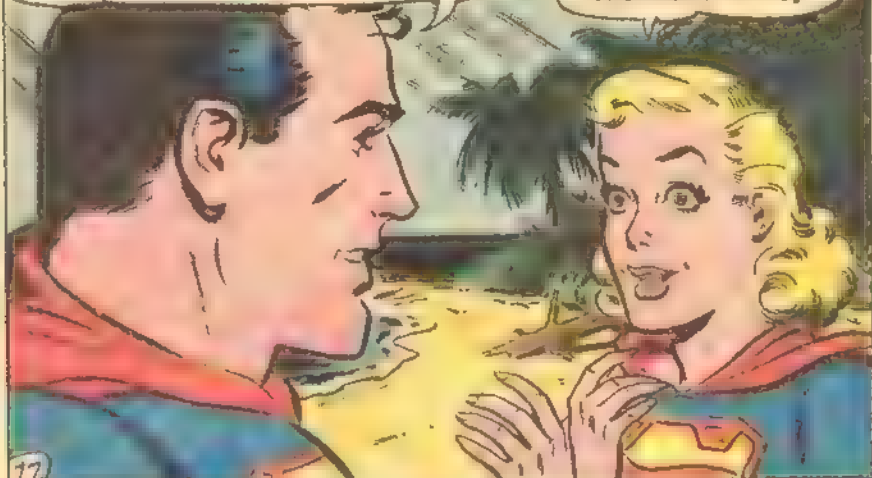


...A FEW DAYS IN THE PAST! I OBSERVED **MR. MXYZPTLK** SECRETLY GIVING YOU MAGIC SUPER-POWERS! EVIDENTLY HIS MAGIC'S WORN OFF AND YOUR OWN ORIGINAL SUPER-POWERS HAVE RETURNED! THAT'S WHY GREEN KRYPTONITE AGAIN AFFECTS YOU!



SUPERGIRL, I'VE COME TO AN IMPORTANT DECISION! I'VE DECIDED TO ANNOUNCE YOUR EXISTENCE TO THE WORLD AT ONCE, WITHOUT DELAY! YOU DESERVE RECOGNITION!

OH, HOW WONDERFUL!!



NO, READERS! THIS IS NOT A HOAX! DUE TO POPULAR DEMAND, IN OUR NEXT ISSUE **SUPERMAN** WILL DEFINITELY ANNOUNCE THE EXISTENCE OF **SUPERGIRL** TO THE WORLD! NO... IT WON'T BE AN IMAGINARY TALE, A DREAM OR A RED KRYPTONITE HALLUCINATION, EITHER! THIS TIME IT WILL BE FOR REAL! SO DON'T GOOF AND MISS THE NEXT ISSUE OF **ACTION COMICS**, WHEN **SUPERGIRL'S** EXISTENCE WILL ONCE AND FOR ALL BE REVEALED TO AN INCREDULOUS WORLD, SO THAT SHE CAN ENJOY THE PRAISE AND GLORY SHE SO RICHLY MERITS!

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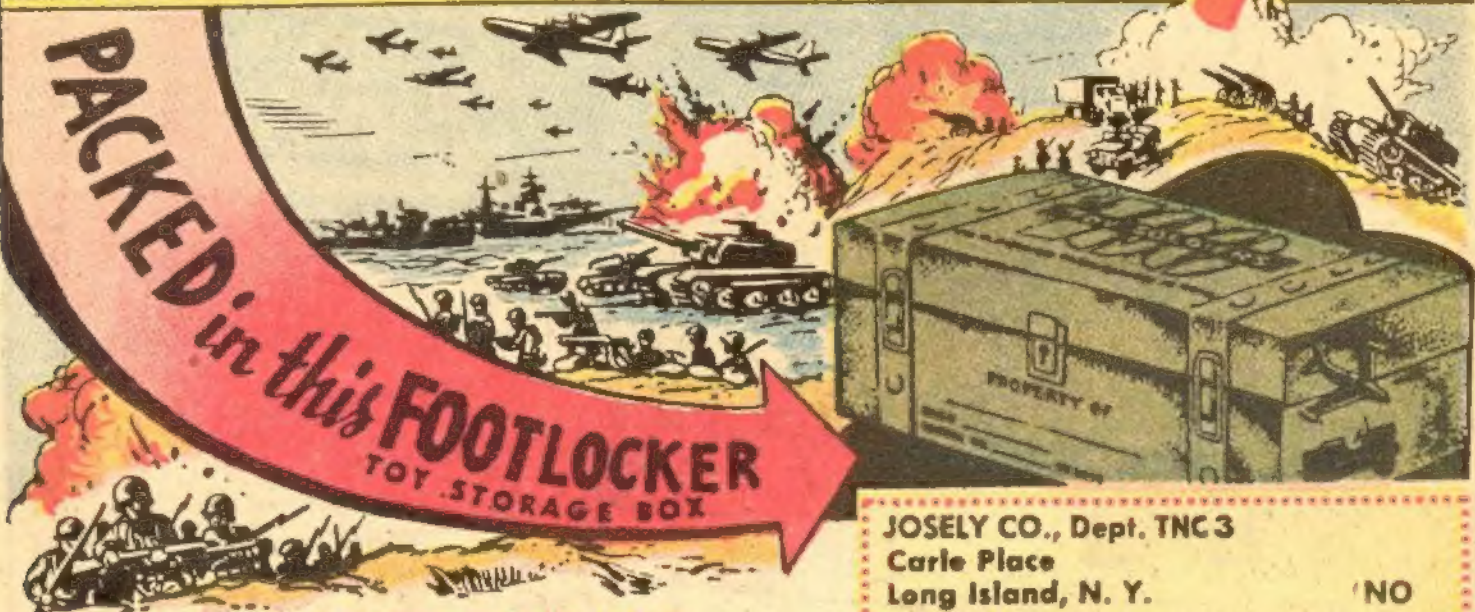
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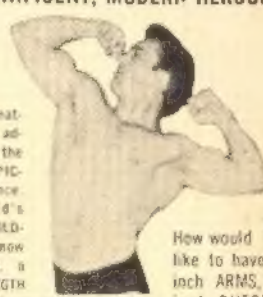
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